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**Department of Municipal Affairs  
Office of the Fire Marshal**

Date: April 21, 2017

To: Fire Departments, Ground Search & Rescue and HAZMAT organizations in Nova Scotia

Re: 2017-18 Emergency Services Provider Fund (ESPF)

The Emergency Services Provider Fund is intended to assist first responder organizations in Nova Scotia with the purchase of equipment used directly in response to fire or emergency situations. The Program will pay 75% of the total eligible costs, up to a maximum grant of \$20,000.

Organizations that received funding from the ESPF program in 2015-16 or 2016-17 are not eligible to receive a grant from the ESPF in 2017-18.

The Province of Nova Scotia is transitioning to an online application process for all provincial grant programs, including the Emergency Services Provider Fund. The Office of the Fire Marshal would appreciate your cooperation in applying for the ESPF for the 2017-2018 program using the online process.

The link to register and apply for the ESPF is <https://grants.novascotia.ca/irj/portal>

During the transition period, you are still able to download the application to your computer and complete the application beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>. The link is:

<http://novascotia.ca/dma/funding/community/emergency-services-provider-fund.asp>

Once the application is completed, you may submit:

- an electronic/scanned version to the e-mail address below
- a faxed version to (902) 424-3239
- or original documents via Canada Post

Attached are the program criteria, list of eligible equipment and checklist of required information to assist in the preparation of your application.

Applications must be received by our office or postmarked by June 9, 2017. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Janes at (902) 424-5721 or by email at [OFM@novascotia.ca](mailto:OFM@novascotia.ca)

Sincerely,

***Original Signed By***

Fred Jeffers  
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