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To All Municipalities:

RE: Community Hosting Guidelines

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased to inform you that our ongoing lobbying efforts with Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) and the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs has been successful in achieving assistance for Manitoba communities hosting travelers stranded by inclement weather.

Beginning immediately the AMM will be administering the Community Hosting Fund. The AMM has received \$3000.00 for 2006/2007 and additional funding for future years for this fund. As the AMM will be administering the fund, we have made the process (attached) as simple as possible. The community hosting guidelines, application process, and allocation of funding are all specified to ensure that all responsibilities for communities and the AMM are clear. Rather than creating a new set of criteria, the AMM will use current disaster financial assistance criteria to decide eligible costs. This criteria is familiar to municipalities and eliminates the need to develop an entirely new set of rules. It should be noted however that the Community Hosting Fund is not in anyway tied to the disaster assistance funding.

Communities in Manitoba have generously hosted travelers who become stranded when poor weather forces highways to close. The Community Hosting Fund will assist in compensating communities that incur costs during this process. The AMM is pleased that a solution has been found for this resolution that was last raised at the 2005 AMM Convention.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joe Masi'.

Joe Masi
Executive Director

*Representing
Manitoba's
Municipalities*