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Good morning,

I'm pleased to inform you that, in partnership with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is now accepting applications from municipalities, Indigenous communities, planning authorities and conservation authorities to participate in the extension of the [Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program](#) (FHIMP), where up to 50% matched federal funding can be received for eligible flood mapping projects. The extension of the FHIMP through 2028 builds on the success of the program in Ontario to date, whereby 56 projects across 36 organizations were funded.

Project proposals can now be made under two funding streams:

1. For proposals where any funds are requested prior to February 2025, applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm EST on October 9, 2024. This may include multi-year projects.
2. Where funds are not requested until or after February 2025, applications may be submitted through April 2027. This funding stream will remain open until that time, or until all funding has been allocated. Both single year and multi-year project proposals are eligible.

All funding is available on a first come, first serve basis, with applications being assessed against eligibility criteria.

Increasing the accuracy of publicly accessible flood maps in the province will inform land use planning decisions by helping reduce risks to people and property, directing development away from flood-prone areas, and providing certainty for developers and property owners. Eligible projects include those that support:

- flood hazard assessment, priority setting and scoping;
- the acquisition of data used in hydrological and hydraulic modeling;
- the development of flood hazard modelling and mapping;
- the dissemination of flood hazard information;
- NEW! erosion hazard studies, if they are included as part of a flood study;
- and

- NEW! regional modelling and mapping (completed at coarse level resolution).

I am also pleased to inform you that MNR continues to acquire lidar data under the [Ontario Elevation Mapping Program](#). If you are planning to include lidar as part of your FHIMP proposal, please contact MNR's Geospatial Ontario section at [pmu@ontario.ca](mailto:pmu@ontario.ca).

To support the application process, we will be hosting two identical information webinars, which will cover information such as the application process, technical requirements, and program changes. Dates for these webinars are:

- Tuesday September 17, 2024, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm EST
- Tuesday September 24, 2024, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm EST.

To register for a webinar, please complete this form: [Webinar Registration](#)

I encourage you to visit [www.ontario.ca/page/flood-hazard-identification-and-mapping-program](http://www.ontario.ca/page/flood-hazard-identification-and-mapping-program) for additional program information or contact [FHIMPapplications@ontario.ca](mailto:FHIMPapplications@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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