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Displaced Long Lake Wildfire Residents

To Get Financial Aid

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Brian Teepell/USPA 24 News - The province has launched a new emergency financial support program to provide assistance to residents evacuated from the Long Lake area of Annapolis County due to wildfires.

Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management said, “Having to leave your home because of wildfire is one of the hardest things a family can face. We know this is an incredibly stressful and uncertain time. Please know you are not alone. We are here to stand with you, and this financial support is one way we can help ease the burden while you’re away from your home and your sense of normalcy.”

Support is available for individuals displaced from their primary residence, based on the number of days evacuated. For 4 to 7days, the support is $500 per adult (18 and older) and $200 per minor. For 8 to 14 days, an additional $500 per adult and $200 per minor are available. For 15 or more days, an additional $250 per week per adult and $200 per minor are available. The funding will be available until the evacuation order is lifted or October 15, whichever comes first. The maximum support is $3,000 per adult and $1,750 per minor. However, this support does not apply to individuals who had to leave secondary homes, such as cottages and camps.

Information on the application process will be available shortly on the Department of Emergency Management's website. Residents will also have the option to apply in person at the Access Nova Scotia centre in Middleton.

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