



Making a difference...together

Are you interested in helping our community in a valuable way?

Emergency Support Services (ESS) is a provincial program that runs locally through the Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program to deliver short-term (72 hours) support services to the public in an emergency.

On the Southern Gulf Islands, we depend on volunteers to coordinate the basic needs of islanders who are displaced from their homes because of an emergency. Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Coordinating the provision of food, clothing, and lodging.
- Providing personal services such as emotional support, counselling, or special needs.
- Assisting with pet care.
- Opening and participating in group lodging or reception centre facilities, as needed.
- Providing in-person or online registration and referrals for support.
- Providing information to help reunite families.

We are grateful for the volunteers who provide this valuable service, and we are currently looking for new members who are:

- 18+ years of age and in good health.
- Strong communication skills.
- Technically sound with using a computer.
- Adaptable and willing to learn, training is provided.
- Compassionate and have a genuine interest in people and supporting them.
- Available for response.

This program is essential to our community's resilience and well being. ESS is the people side of emergency response. It is a meaningful way to support your community, meet people, and can be a stepping stone towards a career in Emergency Services.

If you are interested in joining our team or learning more about this program, please email us at sgiepc@crd.bc.ca