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**Manitoba Hydro matches \$39,200 Koch Fertilizer Canada, Ltd.  
grant to fund Brandon siren station project  
*KFCL will now donate an additional \$39,200***

In a move to bolster community safety, Manitoba Hydro has matched a \$39,200 gift from Koch Fertilizer Canada, Ltd., to support Sirens for Safety, a community effort to purchase and install much needed siren alarm stations throughout the city of Brandon.

The alarms will be used to alert the community to severe storms, tornadoes and other emergencies.

In cooperation with the city of Brandon and the Brandon Emergency Alerting Program (BEAP), Koch Fertilizer Canada, Ltd., launched Sirens for Safety earlier this year with a lead gift of \$39,200. Now that Manitoba Hydro has matched that donation, Koch Fertilizer will donate an additional \$39,200 to bring total funds raised to \$117,600.

That amount, coupled with \$156,800 already pledged by the city, will provide the \$274,400 needed to purchase and install eight alarm stations planned through BEAP.

“We are pleased to join in this effort to make Brandon a safer place,” said Bob Brennan, President and CEO of Manitoba Hydro. “This will improve the quality of life for everyone in the community.”

“We are grateful to Manitoba Hydro for matching Koch Fertilizer’s initial gift,” said Brandon Mayor Dave Burgess, “and we thank Koch Fertilizer for launching this important effort and stepping up now with additional funding.”

“Manitoba Hydro is to be commended for joining our effort,” said Lindsay Kaspick, managing director of Koch Fertilizer Canada, Ltd. “Thanks to their generosity, the city is now able to move ahead with construction of the siren alert system, which will benefit the entire community. We are certainly grateful for their support.”

The city is seeking additional donations of \$27,000 for the purchase of 40 tone alert radios to make the alert system fully operational.

Two stations have been installed to date; one funded through a federal grant, the second funded by the City of Brandon and the Brandon Emergency Support Team (BEST). Koch Fertilizer provides ongoing financial support to BEST. For more information or to donate to the siren project, contact the city’s Emergency Preparedness Program, (204) 729-2239 or [best@brandon.ca](mailto:best@brandon.ca).

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