



## **FACTSHEET: FireSmart™ BC Funding Opportunities for Local Governments and First Nations**

The B.C. Government works closely with communities, First Nations, industry and stakeholders in British Columbia to reduce wildfire risks and keep people and communities safe. Listed below are programs that may provide funding opportunities to communities and First Nations through planning, education and implementation of wildfire threat reduction activities.

More information on FireSmart BC is available at [www.firesmartbc.ca](http://www.firesmartbc.ca)

### **Community Resiliency Investment Program**

The [Community Resiliency Investment](#) (CRI) program is intended to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire to communities in BC through community funding, supports and priority fuel management activities on provincial Crown land. The program was launched in 2018 and more than 173 First Nations and local governments have received funding to date.

The Union of BC Municipalities, First Nations' Emergency Services Society and the Forest Enhancement Society of BC are working with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, represented by the BC Wildfire Service, to administer the FireSmart Community Funding & Supports portion of the program for local government and First Nation applicants.

#### **2021 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports**

The 2021 program is structured to fund FireSmart activities in all eligible communities throughout BC. Funding is scaled to offer eligible applicants with lower risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$25,000 and applicants with a demonstrated higher risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$150,000 per year.

In addition, applications that include fuel management on Provincial Crown land, primarily within administrative boundaries and including contiguous, logical treatment units that extend onto the Crown land base, may exceed the funding maximum for fuel management activities only.

**For further information:** <https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-resiliency-investment.html>

### **Department of Indigenous Services Canada On-Reserve Treatment Funding (via the First Nations' Emergency Services Society)**

The ISC On-Reserve Operational Fuel Treatment Program is managed by the First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS). Grant administration is provided by FNESS with provision of funding by ISC. The initiative supports First Nations communities to mitigate risk from wildfire in the wildland urban interface. The program has been expanded this year to include areas that were previously excluded from consideration.

The 2020 general requirement that fuel management projects of up to \$75,000 with a 10% community contribution be restricted to areas with High-to-Extreme fuel hazard remains in effect. In addition, Fire Smart activity projects of up to \$50,000 with a 10% community contribution will be considered in areas of Moderate fuel hazard, including but not limited to community and CP lands (with land owner authorization).

FNESS is accepting applications supporting on-reserve operational forest fuel treatment.



## **2020-2021 Wildfire Prevention - Mitigation Funding Notice**

FNESS - ISC On-Reserve Operational Fuel Treatment Program - Wildland Fire Fighting Training, Equipment, Materials and Supplies. FNESS is accepting applications supporting Wildland Fire Fighting crew development up to a maximum of \$25,000.00.

The initiative supports First Nations communities who demonstrate completion of Wildland Fire Fighting Crew training/certification and development of wildland fire fighting contract crew's or achieved standing offer contracts/agreements with BC Wildfire Service.

For further information: [www.fness.bc.ca](http://www.fness.bc.ca)

## **Forest Enhancement Society of BC**

Not currently accepting applications for funding. Visit the website to find out about future funding opportunities.

For further information: [www.fesbc.ca](http://www.fesbc.ca)

## **FireSmart Canada**

FireSmart Canada provides Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Awards through the national FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program. The program provides grants to help community organizations fund local projects that help reduce the risk of wildfire damage to homes and neighbourhoods.

Communities and organizations interested in planning a FireSmart project can apply for a \$500 grant annually to support a National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day event to be held between May 4 and October 31 annually.

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