
FireSmart™ BC Summer (July) Power Hour

Q&A and Key Links

Key Links:

- Rachel Woodhurst - New Position: A/Program Lead & Chair, BC FireSmart Committee
- Nominate an LFR of the month [here!](#)
- [Lynn Orstad Award Recipients](#)
- Follow us! @FireSmartBC
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- [Sunshine Valley Video](#)
- [Home Partners Program](#)

Questions:

- Questions about CRI? Contact: cri@ubcm.ca or visit <https://www.ubcm.ca/cri/firesmart-community-funding-supports>
- Questions about FireSmart? Contact: info@firesmartbc.ca
- Questions about Home Partners Program? Contact: Ryan Moreside at hpp.admin@firesmartbc.ca or Joel Hamilton at homepartners@firesmartbc.ca

- **Q: What is the idea behind updating the HIZ Assessment to be self-guided? Does this mean it will be ultimately phased out/not conducted by LFRs?**
 - A: The HIZ Assessment in BC will continue to be conducted by LFRs. The main change coming from the new assessment is that the scores are being dropped which helps reduce anxiety and frustration for residents who are seeking FireSmart knowledge.
- **Q: Are these Caperons still available?**
 - A: Yes! Email Rachel.Woodhurst@gov.bc.ca
- **Q: When referring to a FireSmart position... for the position to qualify, does the position need to be solely doing FireSmart work, or can it be an existing position that has also adopted the FireSmart program?**
 - A: Contact: cri@ubcm.ca or visit <https://www.ubcm.ca/cri/firesmart-community-funding-supports>

- **Q: How much \$\$ was there available in the 2024 funding for mitigation work on private properties?**
 - A: There is no funding maximum for mitigation work for private property but the work must be based on a completed FireSmart Assessment and is limited to labour costs as outlined in Appendix 7 of the [CRI program guide](#).
- **Q: Do you have to already have participated or formed a FireSmart Committee to apply for 2024 application, in CRI2023 or CRI2022?**
 - A: Applicants need to demonstrate that they are currently participating in a committee. Refer to Section 5 of the [program guide](#) for what communities can apply for if they don't have the FireSmart foundation pieces in place at the time of application.
- **Q: When is the next WMS course for Interior BC?**
 - Contact Joel Hamilton at homepartners@firesmartbc.ca
- **Q: As an LFR do I need to take the course to be a WMS to apply for \$25,000 grants?**
 - A: No, the CSSGS Assessment can be completed by an LFR.
- **Q: Does FireSmart sit in on any meetings with Indigenous Service Canada on building homes on First Nations?**
 - A: Please contact Amanda Reynolds at areynolds@fness.bc.ca