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# Local FireSmart™ Collective Program

**Description of Program:**

The Local FireSmart Collective Program (LFCP) is a new initiative launching in B.C. to replace the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (FCNRP) for the residents of B.C. The new LFCP recognizes that FireSmart actions are most effective when communities work together. This program encourages collective action by acknowledging both neighbourhoods and community organizations that have taken meaningful steps to improve wildfire resiliency. As a grassroots initiative, the LFCP provides financial incentives to communities that collaborate to reduce wildfire risks and protect their shared spaces.

The LFCP introduces a four-tier system to encourage and showcases ongoing progress. Once the LFCP is up and running, the FCNRP will no longer run in British Columbia.

**Name Changes:**

<b>Old Program Name (FCNRP)</b>	<b>New Program Name (LFCP)</b>	<b>Role/Definition</b>
FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (FCNRP)	Local FireSmart Collective Program (LFCP)	Program
N/A (no tiers)	4 Tiers (ascending): Participating, Bronze, Silver, Gold	
Neighbourhood Champion	Collective Advocate	Advocates for and leads their Collective
Local FireSmart Representative (LFR)	Local FireSmart Representative (LFR)	Completes the assessment and supports Collectives
Provincial Liaison	LFC Program Administrator	Administers the program on behalf of FireSmart BC, approves

		and denies renewals, supports Collectives with program
N/A	LFC Technical Administrator	Supports the online portal, supports users with technical concerns
N/A	LFC Financial Administrator	Manages and distributes funding and grants to Collectives upon renewal
Wildfire Hazard Assessment	Local FireSmart Collective Assessment	Completed by LFR (or WMS, FSC)
Neighbourhood Plan	Collective Action Plan	Completed by LFR and CA to create goals for the Collective
Neighbourhood Committee	LFC Working Group	Group of residents led by the CA to steer the Collective, update goals, plan events, etc.

**Timeline:**

Summer 2025: Program development, meetings with partners and stakeholders, developing sponsorship opportunities

Fall 2025: Portal development, complete program materials

December 2025 – February 2026: Soft launch portal for testing and feedback, finalize program sponsors

March 2026: LFCP Official Launch

**FAQs:**

**Why are we getting rid of the FCNRP?**

The current FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (FCNRP) no longer reflects the scale and momentum of FireSmart efforts underway in B.C. communities. We need a program that better supports and showcases the wildfire resiliency work happening across the province.

As the number of interface wildfires rises, even FireSmart Recognized Neighbourhoods are being impacted—we've seen burned FCNRP signs and scorched communities. It's clear that we need a program that more accurately reflects B.C.'s evolving relationship with wildfire.

### **Why is it called a “Collective Program”? Why is the word “neighbourhood” removed?**

After consulting with a focus group of Local FireSmart Representatives, FireSmart Coordinators, and Neighbourhood Champions, we determined that the term “neighbourhood” was not inclusive of all residents and property types that may wish to participate in this program. The updated program is designed to encompass a wide range of settings—including suburban and urban areas, rural properties, farms and ranches, and First Nations communities. In the future, it may also expand to include businesses, parks, university campuses, and other non-residential areas.

### **What will I have to do to participate? How does it differ from the FCNRP?**

The entry-level tier, “Participating,” will have similar requirements to the current FCNRP. The Local FireSmart Representative and Collective Advocate (formerly known as the Neighbourhood Champion) will work together to:

1. Set up an online profile
2. Complete a Local FireSmart Collective Assessment (formerly known as a Wildfire Hazard Assessment)
3. Create a Collective Action Plan (formerly known as a Neighbourhood Plan)

The Collective will then work toward the goals outlined in their Collective Action Plan throughout the year, leading up to the renewal period.

### **I am a FireSmart BC partner. How can I sponsor this program?**

The LFCP tiered reward system will primarily be funded through sponsorships, providing an opportunity for FireSmart BC partners to support the initiative through financial contributions. To express your interest in partnering with this program, please contact [partnerships@firesmartbc.ca](mailto:partnerships@firesmartbc.ca)

### **I want to get involved and help! What can I do?**

We're currently accepting website testers for Fall and Winter 2025. To join the tester list, please email [Alyssa.Christianson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alyssa.Christianson@gov.bc.ca) and include a brief note about your experience with the FCNRP or FireSmart. This opportunity is currently available to B.C residents only.