

Aboriginal Forestry Initiative – FNESS

**AFI-FNESS**

Forest Fuel Management - On-reserve Prescriptions

**Funding provided by Canada**

**Through the efforts of Canada in providing funding, the *Aboriginal Forestry Initiative (AFI-FNESS)*** will assist eligible First Nations Communities (funding dependent), with enhancing forestry business management capacity and operations.

The AFI-FNESS project aims specifically to help fill the existing gap in the development of the community wildfire protection prescriptions for on-reserve lands not eligible under the provincial (SWPI). As well, AFI-FNESS will assist the First Nations currently participating in the Provincial SWPI with meeting their contribution requirements (25%) to complete their fuel management prescriptions for adjacent off-reserve (Crown lands). Participation in the provincial Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI), which addresses the wildfire threats and risks to First Nations communities and to their forest assets and to public safety, will be a requirement.

The conditions of approval (including eligibility criteria) are outlined in the Program & Application Guide and the general Terms & Conditions will be included on the FNESS website. FNESS reserves the right to inspect and assess the progress of the project. In addition, please note the approved grant is also subject to the following requirements:

- (1) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above named funding program and project and for the expenses itemized in the budget that was approved as part of your application;
- (2) The funding will be dependent upon any Appropriation by Parliament (Canada) for the fiscal year;
- (3) The Band agrees to indemnify and save harmless FNESS and all of its employees, servants, representatives, contractors and funding agents (Canada), from and against all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, losses, damages and costs, liabilities, expenses and judgments (including all actual legal costs) brought or made against the Band or its employees, servants, representatives or agents by any person, organization or third party, arising out of or in connection with any failure, breach, non-performance or wrongful or negligent acts by the Band, employees or agents of the Band.
- (4) Funds are not transferable to other projects;
- (5) All project activities must be completed no later than March 31, 2012; (final submissions need to be approved by March 31, 2012, without exception)

(6) Applications will only be accepted until February 10, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. or until funds are dispersed or allocated.

(7) The report must include:

- Completed and signed copy of the final report form
- Employment, training, and business development data;
- Maps and spatial data, as outlined in the relevant appendix in the Program & Application Guide
- An electronic copy of the completed CWPP(s) which identifies on-reserve treatment areas
- An electronic copy of the signed/sealed prescription(s)
- photos of fuel conditions present

Additional information regarding required financial reporting and the disclosure of project revenues and other grant contributions (and how these may impact the eligible grant) are available in the Program & Application Guide.