

# WILDFIRE PREVENTION – MITIGATION FUNDING NOTICE

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**2020-2021 First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) –  
Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)**

## **On-Reserve Wildland Fire Fighting Training, Equipment, Material and Supplies**

FNESS - ISC On-Reserve Operational Fuel Treatment Program is managed by First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS). Grant administration is provided by FNESS with provision of funding by ISC. 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.

FNESS is accepting applications supporting Wildland Fire Fighting crew development up to a maximum of \$25,000.00. Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria.

### **Eligible Applicants**

First Nations (bands, Treaty First Nations, and Indigenous National Governments with authority for lands and resources) in BC are eligible to apply, inclusive Band Council resolution, indicating support for the current proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management.

### **Mandatory**

- Demonstrate completion of Wildland Fire Fighting Crew training and or certification that meets provincially recognized requirements for access to BCWS contract opportunities or employment.
- Demonstrate Wildland Fire Fighting employment and contract opportunities, or eligibility for Contractual Standing Offer's with BC Wildfire Service,
- Complete attached Wildland Fire Fighting Equipment, Supplies Assessment Form

## **Required**

- First Nations communities have made and can demonstrate training certification and identify current training certified personnel;
- First Nations communities can demonstrate progress towards meeting BCWS contracting or standing offer eligibility requirements met, or are in good standing with BCWS for fire fighting contracts or agreements;
- Identify confirm a wildland fire fighting crew is in development and are in the process of applying for contract or standing offer agreements with BCWS;
- For communities who do not meet required eligibility, please contact FNESS for more information on how to work towards meeting these requirements for future consideration.

## **Deadline**

**Application deadline is Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** The Application and Application requirements are now available on our website at [www.fness.bc.ca](http://www.fness.bc.ca).

### **Contact Information**

First Nations' Emergency Services Society - Forest Fuel Management Department, Kamloops office at 250-377-7600 *or* toll free 1-888-388-4431 *or* [ffminfo@fness.bc.ca](mailto:ffminfo@fness.bc.ca). In order to be considered for funding, please submit your application with a Band Council Resolution (as per guidelines) on or before: **Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 4:00 pm.**

### ***For more information about the funding program, please contact:***

Forest Fuel Management Department

First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS)

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## Wildland Fire Fighting Equipment, Supplies Assessment Form

First Nations Emergency Services Society is working with BCWS, and Indigenous Service Canada to support the development, capacity, training and contract opportunities for wildland firefighting crews. This is done through supporting training, certification, and identifying process for British Columbia Wildfire Service (BCWS) fire fighting crew development. We are also considering on as needed basis, purchase of basic fire fighting personal protective equipment (PPE). To assist us in supporting training, crew development and equipment needs, please fill in the information below.

This will assist us in reviewing community needs and based on available funding, support communities in these areas.

Please complete the attached forms with community information, training/certification status and crew development status, to assist with application review and consideration for funding request.

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Community Name:</b> <b>Business name (if applicable):</b>	<b>Date of Application:</b>
<b>Primary Contact:</b>	<b>Contact Address</b>
<b>Contact Phone:</b>	<b>Contact E-mail:</b>
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>1. Total applicant cost applied for, not to exceed \$25,000.00.</b>	
<b>2. Do you have an active Standing Offer Agreement with the BC Wildfire Services (BCWS)?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   Expiry Date:	
<b>3. If Yes, are you in good standing the BCWS?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   Expiry Date:	
<b>4. What level of service can you Band/Company currently provide to the BCWS? (basic firefighters; 5-pack; 10-pack; 20-pack; Type 3 Crews; Type 2 Crews; etc.). Please explain.</b>  Further explanation:	

5. Is your Band/Company interested in increasing its level of services it can provide to the BCWS?

Yes  No

6. If Yes, what level does your Band/Company want to achieve? Please explain.

Further explanation:

7. Do you have members registered with BCWS as fire fighters?

Yes  No

8. Does your crew development include fitness testing?

Yes  No

9. What is your community's capacity with fire suppression training and experiences in fire fighting?

10. Please check off the courses of training that you have taken (see Question #11). Is the training current and still valid?

If No, please indicate what level of training has been achieved that is recognizable by BCWS?

11. Can your community confirm by way of a Band Council Resolution (BCR) that members from your community are dedicated to completing the 12-days of training (check one)?

Yes  No

12. Check list and confirm level of training or contract crew have completed and training is up to date:

	<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>Courses Completed?</b>	
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1.	<b>WorkSafeBC (WCB) Occupational First Aid Level 1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<b>Transportation Endorsement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<b>S100 Basic Fire Suppression &amp; Safety</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	<b>S185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.	<b>Basic Power Saw Safety, BC Forest Safety Council Certificate (maximum 8)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	<b>Basic Power Saw Safety – Day 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	<b>S212 Fire Line Communications or Restricted Radio Operators Licence</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	<b>S230 Introduction to Supervision (Crew Boss)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	<b>S235 Burn Off and Backfiring</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	<b>Incident Command System (ICS 100)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	<b>Wildfire Danger Tree Assessors Wildfire Module – Day 1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	<b>Wildfire Danger Tree Assessors Wildfire Module – Day 2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13. Identify equipment, supplies needed to achieve various levels of fire fighting contract requirements?</b>			
<b>14. Provide a budget and list to show what is requested with item costs and number of items and total costs.</b>			

## Wildfire Fire fighting equipment, supplies and materials funding eligibility:

### Eligible Equipment

- Rental of **high value** equipment and fuel to perform work (such as for vegetation management)
- One-time purchase of **low value** equipment: of reasonable value (general premise of hundreds and not thousands of dollars), must not have any operational or maintenance requirements
  - FireSmart: (e.g. chain saw, brush cutters, protection equipment against wildfires for crews)
- Equipment of **medium value** (i.e. over a few hundred dollars and up to approximately \$3,000.00) may be considered for purchase versus rental where a business case supporting the purchase is submitted to FNESS. Communities will be asked to comment on how they will safeguard and store such equipment, who will be trained to use it (and how), and how such equipment falls within a larger community risk planning process.

## **Ineligible Equipment**

- Large, high-value capital equipment purchases (e.g. motorized vehicles, structures, construction equipment, fire trucks)
- Structural fire equipment (fire hydrant system installed)
- Equipment related to response and recovery activities (e.g. sandbags, hazardous material detection - to be considered in responding to an imminent threat, using R&R)
- Individual household equipment (first aid kits/EM prep kits)

## **Ineligible Technology Equipment & Licenses**

- Technological equipment to perform work (such drones and iPad for mapping) should be provided by contractors as part of their fees and not purchased. Rental of this type of equipment could also be considered, as could purchase of equipment for future/ongoing use by communities.
- Licenses (i.e. for computer programs) should be provided by contractors as this is a requirement for them to be able to perform the work.

***Once form is complete please return and we can assess needs based on form completion, and available funds:***

***Deadline: Friday January 15, 2021 at 4:00 pm***

***Please submit information and equipment purchase request to:***

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