

# WILDFIRE PREVENTION – MITIGATION FUNDING NOTICE

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### 2020-2021 First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) - Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) On-Reserve Operational Fuel Treatment Program

The 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 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 Fire risk is in effect. In addition, Fire Smart activity for projects of up to \$50,000 with a 10% community contribution will be considered in areas of Moderate fire risk, including but not limited to community and CP lands (with land owner authorization).

FNESS is accepting applications supporting on-reserve operational forest fuel treatment/prescription/burn plan development. Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria. We will also fund basic fire smart activities around homes and assets:

#### **Eligible Applicants**

All First Nations that have;

#### **Mandatory**

- Have completed a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Operational Forest Fuel Management Projects.
- Areas with a High – Extreme Wildfire Threat, based on completed wildfire threat assessment plots and mapping, OR  
Areas within the FireSmart Zone with a Moderate wildfire threat where fire smart activities would demonstrably contribute to community safety.
- Areas identified in a completed CWPP that are priority treatment areas with treatment units identified and mapped.
  - Or covered through fire smart assessment and a fire smart plan.
- Treatment Units/FireSmart activities within the wildland urban interface zone, (WUI) that meet the density structure, of at least 6 structures per sq./km, starting from assets and values outwards.

## **Recommended**

- Community has received FireSmart Community Recognition or is engaged with the Fire Smart Community Recognition Program.
- Project mutually supports ongoing (active, approved) projects from other programs, such as the Community Resilience Investment program (CRI) or previously completed FNESS – ISC projects.
- Project strengthens or completes adjacent previous projects.
- Project addresses untreated forest fuels within the FireSmart Zones.
- Project addresses problematic fuel types such as dead trees, heavy fuel loads and flammable species.

**Application deadline is Friday, March 13, 2020 by 4:00 pm.** The Application Guide and Application Form 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 [khenkes@fness.bc.ca](mailto:khenkes@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, March 13, 2020 by 4:00 pm.**

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

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