



First Nations' Emergency Services Society

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Mitigation Department: FireSmartTM and Fuels Division (CRI)

Within the First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) Mitigation Department, the FireSmart and Fuels Division helps First Nations in B.C. access the appropriate Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) funds to plan and implement wildfire mitigation projects. This includes guiding the application process, providing technical advice and wildfire risk information, providing recommendations to build a successful application, and supporting First Nations throughout all project phases.

The CRI program is intended to reduce the risk of wildfires and mitigate their impacts through different funding streams. The main focus for the FNESS FireSmart and Fuels Division is:

FireSmart Community Funding & Supports (FCFS):

- Applicable to any First Nation, including Bands, Treaty First Nations, and Indigenous National Governments undertaking community-based FireSmart planning or activities (see reverse).
- Communities with a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Risk Class of 4 or 5 can apply for a maximum of \$100,000 per application.
- Communities with a WUI Risk Class of 1 to 3 can apply for a maximum of \$200,000 per application.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT UBCM.CA/CRI](http://UBCM.CA/CRI)



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ELIGIBLE FIRESMART ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2023 CRI INTAKE

Deadline: December 31, 2023

Local Capacity Building & Education

- Creating FireSmart positions that are new or have newly added responsibilities overseeing eligible FireSmart activities and/or ensuring a sustainable FireSmart program.
- Hosting FireSmart events or workshops in your community or conducting digital or traditional advertising for your proposed FireSmart activities.

Community Planning, Development, Interagency Cooperation & Emergency Planning

- Updating or developing a new Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP), critical infrastructure assessments on First Nation-owned buildings, or development of FireSmart policies and practices for the design and maintenance of First Nation land and buildings.
- Assisting in collaborative efforts with various government agencies, such as attending a conference or participating on the Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee.
- Participating in cross-jurisdictional emergency planning meetings and exercises, purchasing FireSmart structure protection equipment, or using/promoting the PreparedBC Wildfire Preparedness Guide and Wildfire Evacuation Checklist.

FireSmart Training & Cross-Training

- Course fees, materials, travel expenses and other costs associated with training community members in wildfire management (courses identified in 2023 program guide).

FireSmart Projects for Critical Infrastructure, Community Assets & Residential Areas

- Labour and material costs to complete mitigation activities on First Nation-owned critical infrastructure (as identified in the FireSmart Critical Infrastructure Assessment). Must have completed an assessment at the time of application.
- Labour and material costs required to complete mitigation activities on critical buildings/properties owned by local non-profits or community associations (as identified in the FireSmart Critical Infrastructure Assessment, FireSmart Home Ignition Zone Assessment Card, or FireSmart Home Partners Assessment). Must have completed an assessment at the time of application.
- Rebates for FireSmart activities in First Nation residential areas, including Home Ignition Zone Assessments, Home Partners Assessments and Neighbourhood Wildfire Hazard Assessments.

Fuel Management, Including Cultural and Prescribed Fire

- Developing fuel management prescriptions, burn plans and operational fuel treatments on First Nations land, including costs associated with Indigenous knowledge keeper engagement, required assessments, maintenance activities, or demonstration projects.



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