



# Mitigation Department: FireSmart™ and Fuels Division: ISC

Within the First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) Mitigation Department, the FireSmart and Fuels: ISC Division manage the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on-reserve programs. The objective of these programs is to help First Nations in B.C. achieve wildfire resiliency, with a focus on funding projects that protect residential and critical infrastructure.

There are three separate ISC on-reserve programs listed below and outlined on the second page. Each have a rolling intake (no deadline) and a streamlined application process. Contact a Mitigation Specialist at FNESS to learn more and begin co-developing your path to a safer and more wildfire resilient community.

1. On-Reserve Operational Fuel Treatment Program
2. On-Reserve FireSmart Program
3. On-Reserve Cultural Burning Revitalization and Prescribed Fire Program

**For full details, view the program and information guide:**

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# ISC ON-RESERVE PROGRAMS

## On-Reserve Operational Fuel Treatment Program

For communities wishing to treat forest fuels posing a wildfire risk. Applicants are encouraged to follow the ‘closest-first’ principle by prioritizing the treatment of hazards that are closest to reserve structures and expand outwards over time. Eligible areas must be identified within a current CWPP or CWRP. Eligible activities:

- Operational fuel management projects up to \$75,000.00 in areas with a moderate to extreme WUI wildfire threat and less than 1 km from reserve structures.
- Preparation of fuel management prescriptions.
- Post-fire danger tree assessments and removal initiatives that address public safety.

## On-Reserve FireSmart Program

For treating fuels adjacent to, and within 30m of housing or infrastructure. It is a requirement for all projects to include FireSmart Home Ignition Zone or FireSmart Critical Infrastructure Assessments. Applicants are encouraged to follow the ‘closest-first’ principle by prioritizing the treatment of hazards that are closest to reserve structures and expand outwards over time.

- Provides a maximum of \$50,000 for FireSmart activities within FireSmart zones to achieve outcomes consistent with the application and program guide.
- Supports FireSmart planning initiatives.

## On-Reserve Cultural Burning Revitalization and Prescribed Fire Program






New program for First Nation communities and FNESS to work together to plan and implement cultural and prescribed fire projects.

- Provides a maximum of \$75,000 to identify cultural burn areas, develop prescriptions and burn plans, and/or work with the BC Wildfire Service to develop plans and conduct the burns.
- Applications will not be considered from communities with incomplete ISC-FNESS FireSmart or ISC-FNESS Operational Fuel Treatment projects outstanding.



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