



Community Resiliency Investment Program 2024 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports

Overview of the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) FireSmart Community Funding and Supports:

The UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program FireSmart Community Funding and Supports provides grant funding to communities to enhance community resilience to wildfire by promoting the adoption of FireSmart principles and activities.

What the CRD Emergency Program Service is seeking through the UBCM 2024 CRI FireSmart Funding and Community Supports grant.

The CRD is applying for funds to support the following:

- Build six Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans (CWRP) for Electoral Areas D, E, F, G, H, and L
- Continue with a full-time FireSmart position and training for the position
- Continue to develop and implement a FireSmart Education program throughout the Cariboo Regional District
- Continue with the Community Wildfire Resiliency Committee (CWRC)
- Attend the Wildfire Resiliency & Training Summit
- Implement FireSmart BC Library Program

Timelines

The application deadline for this intake is September 30th, and UBCM will notify us of our application status within approximately 90 days. If approved, the funded program will run throughout 2025.

Requirements for Funding

To qualify for funding, all applicants are required to have

- 1) A FireSmart Position
- 2) Participate in a Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee
- 3) Have acceptable Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans (CWRP).

The CRD's existing Community Wildfire Protection Plan, expires this year.

This year's application positions us to be able to create new Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans for all electoral areas within the next two years. This will allow the CRD to access up to \$800,000 in funding for FireSmart activities under the current funding structure.

Future of the CRD FireSmart Program through the Community Resiliency Investment Program

There are plenty of ways for this funding to be used in future years to the benefit of many CRD business units.

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Ideas that align with grant funding</u>
Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide off-site vegetative debris disposal for residential property or homeowners who have undertaken their own residential scale FireSmart vegetation management
Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility improvements to reduce wildfire risk • Green Spaces Assessments & fire risk reduction projects (parks, gardens cemeteries, naturalized spaces, trails, pathways, linear parks) on FN or public land • Develop FireSmart policies and practices for the design and maintenance of publicly owned buildings • FireSmart assessments for publicly owned buildings publicly owned critical infrastructure, and/or green spaces. • Support the FireSmart BC Plant Program at local garden centres or nurseries. Includes plant tags, banners, staff buttons and in-store advertising • Implementing recommended FireSmart improvements to local community assets demonstrates wildfire prevention principles and best practices to community members and other stakeholders • Fuel management, publicly owned land
Environmental Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal Utilities Aide to reduce wildfire risks around Engineering and Community infrastructure • Specific improvements to infrastructure that reduce wildfire risk • FireSmart assessments for publicly owned buildings, publicly owned critical infrastructure
Protective Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local FireSmart Representative • Assess, inventory and purchase FireSmart structure protection equipment. • FireSmart assessments for publicly owned buildings, publicly owned critical infrastructure • Fire Fighter and Fire Leadership Training • Assess community water delivery ability as required for suppression activities, limited to current water system evaluation and available flow analysis • Training for FireSmart Positions • Cross-train fire department members only to include structural fire and interface wildfire training. • Completion of recommended mitigation activities identified in a completed FireSmart Assessment, limited to labour costs required to

	<p>complete activities Residential homes and properties owned by seniors (65 years of age or older), elders, people with limited mobility or vulnerable populations who cannot undertake mitigation activities themselves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition • Conduct FireSmart Home Partners Assessment for individual residential properties or homes • Fuel management on publicly owned land
Planning, Building & Bylaws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amending OCP's, Community Plans or land use, bylaws to incorporate FireSmart principles • Revise landscaping requirements in zoning and DPA's to incorporate FireSmart principles • Establish or revise DPA's for Wildfire Hazard • Amend referral processes for new developments to ensure multiple departments (Fire & EM are included)
Emergency Program Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans • Community preparedness events: Farm and Ranch Wildfire Preparedness workshop, Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, FireSmart day, and/or wildfire season open houses. • Mapping of wildfire risk areas • Develop and/or participate in cross-jurisdictional meetings and tabletop exercises specifically focused on wildfire preparedness and suppression, including seasonal wildfire readiness meetings. • Cultural Safety and Humility Training
Library Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FireSmart educational resources • FireSmart BC Education Program • FireSmart BC Library Program

