

UBCM – CRI Fund FireSmart Grant Application

Regional Board Meeting

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Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program Application

Purpose

- To seek Regional Board support for an application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Fund's FireSmart Community Funding and Support Grant.

Community Resiliency Investment (CRI)

- The CRI program was created in 2018 to:
 - reduce and mitigate the impact of wildfires.
- As of January 2021, CRI includes three streams:
 - Stream 1: FireSmart Community Funding & Supports, administered by UBCM.
 - Stream 2: Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction, administered by FLNRORD.
 - Stream 3: FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund, administered by UBCM

FireSmart Community Funding & Supports

- The program provides funding to local governments and First Nations in BC.
- The goal of the program is to increase community resiliency by undertaking community-based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire.
- RDCO falls into the highest WUI Risk Class – therefore able to apply for the maximum funding available = \$250,000

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■ Part 1 - Electoral Area Activities:

- FireSmart Coordinator: implement electoral area FireSmart activities.
- Develop a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.
- Forming and Participating on a Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee.
- Providing FireSmart outreach and educational to residents.
- Providing a FireSmart grant program for residents within the RDCO.
- Providing FireSmart education, outreach, and community engagement for wildfire fuel mitigation activities in regional parks

■ Total Budget \$180,000

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■ Part 2 – Regional Park Activities:

- Develop three fuel management prescriptions (FMP) for priority treatment areas.
- Complete a fuel management treatment in Kalamoir Regional Park.
- The other two FMP's will be used for planning future treatments and funding applications.

■ Total Budget \$100,000

Recommendations

- THAT the Regional Board support an application to the '2022 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Fund - FireSmart Community Funding and Support Grant' for the following two Regional District of the Central Okanagan projects:
 1. Developing a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan with related Fire Smart activities in Electoral Area East and Electoral Area West, and
 2. Developing fuel management prescriptions (3) in support of fuel management activities in the Regional Parks.