**Community Resiliency Investment Program**

**2023 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports**

**Application Form**

***New in 2023 –*** The 2023 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program will have an open intake. Funding permitting, eligible applicants can submit one application between October 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023 (or until such time that funds are no longer available).

Please complete and return the application form and all required attachments. All questions are required to be answered by typing directly in this form. If you have any questions, contact cri@ubcm.ca or (250) 356-2947.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **SECTION 1: Applicant Information** | **CRI-** *(administrative use only)* |
| Name of Local Government or First Nation:       | Complete Mailing Address:       |
| Contact Person\*:       | Position:       |
| Phone:       | E-mail:       |

*\* Contact person must be an authorized representative of the applicant (i.e. staff member or elected official).*

|  |
| --- |
| **SECTION 2: Type of Application** –Please identify the type of application you are submitting and provide the required information. Refer to Section 4 in the Program & Application Guide for eligibility. |
| * + - 1. **Type of Application** (select one only)**:**

[ ]  Single applicant (as identified in Section 1 of the application form)[ ]  Regional Project for Multiple Eligible Applicants. Please list all of the partnering eligible applicants included in this application:      [ ]  Regional Projects for Regional District Applications Including Multiple Electoral Areas. Please list all electoral areas included in this application. Refer to Section 4 of the program guide for requirements for regional district applications:       |
| * + - 1. **Rationale for Regional Projects** (only)**.**  Please provide a rationale for submitting a regional project application and describe how this approach will support cost-efficiencies in the total funding request.

      |

|  |
| --- |
| **SECTION 3: Project Summary** |
| * + - 1. **Name of the Project:**

      |
| * + - 1. **Project Summary.** Please provide a summary of your project in 150 words or less.

      |
| * + - 1. **Fire Centre (use check boxes).** Indicate which Fire Centre the proposed activities are located in (check all that apply).
 |
| [ ]  Cariboo Fire Centre[ ]  Coastal Fire Centre[ ]  Kamloops Fire Centre | [ ]  Northwest Fire Centre[ ]  Prince George Fire Centre[ ]  Southeast Fire Centre |
| * + - 1. **Project Cost & Funding Request:**

Total project cost:      Total funding request for FireSmart activities (as indicated on Worksheet(s) 1):      Total funding request for fuel management activities (as indicated on Worksheet 2):      Total funding request for new CWRP or CWPP update (as indicated on Worksheet 3):      **Total project funding request:**      Have you applied for or received funding for this project from other sources? If yes, please provide details below.      |
| * + - 1. **Progress to Date.** If you were approved for funding under previous rounds of the FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program, or the 2021 FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund, please describe the activities that have been completed to date and/or what activities your community has not yet completed but will be undertaking to increase resiliency.

2019 project (required to be completed):      2020 project:      2021 projects(s) – FSCFS and/or FSERF:      2022 project:       |
| * + - 1. **Required FireSmart Components.** Starting in 2024, it will be required for all applicants to have the following FireSmart components developed/active in their community. Please check which of the following are currently in place and provide a brief summary:

[ ]  FireSmart Position:      [ ]  Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan:      [ ]  Community FireSmart & Resiliency Committee:      Applicants that do not have a position, plan and committee are strongly encouraged to apply for these activities in the 2023 intake (and in order to be eligible for future funding). |

|  |
| --- |
| **SECTION 4: Requirements for Funding** (refer to Section 5 of Program & Application Guide) |
| * + - 1. **A. Eligibility Review/Engagement Prior to Submitting an Application.**

[ ]  Applications with FireSmart activities only (i.e. only Worksheet 1) - Applicants are required to document engagement in the application. Planning and discussion must occur at a minimum of 30 days prior to submission of an application to allow for meaningful dialogue regarding the proposed FireSmart activities and opportunities for integration of planning on provincial Crown lands. Please indicate the name(s) and title(s) of the person(s) you engaged with and describe the extent of that engagement.      [ ]  ***New in 2023*** - Applications with fuel management activities (Worksheet 2) - Applicants are required to review Worksheet 2 with the BCWS Wildfire Prevention Officer/Prevention Specialist and/or FNESS Mitigation Specialist/Liaison and Section 6 of the worksheet must be completed by the BCWS and/or FNESS before the application is submitted. [ ]  ***New in 2023*** - Applications with CWRP development or CWPP Update (Worksheet 3) - Applicants are required to review Worksheet 3 with the BCWS Wildfire Prevention Officer/Prevention Specialist and/or FNESS Mitigation Specialist/Liaison and Section 5 of the worksheet must be completed by the BCWS and/or FNESS before the application is submitted.  |
| **B. Acceptable Plan.** In order to qualify for funding, applicants must have a current and acceptable plan that includes assessment and identification of FireSmart and/or fuel management priorities (limited to Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan or Community Wildfire Protection Plan). Please outline how your community meets this requirement. Note: applicants that do not have a current and acceptable plan may apply to develop or update a plan.     *Submit completed plans with the application form.* |

|  |
| --- |
| **SECTION 5: Wildfire Risk & Rationale** |
| * + - 1. **A. WUI Wildfire Risk Class.** What is the WUI Risk Class (1 – 5) for the general area of interest of your community or proposed activities, including the WUI polygon name, from the risk class map? Refer to Appendix 2 of the Program & Application Guide.

Risk Class:       WUI Polygon name:      **B.** If local assessments provide additional evidence of higher wildfire risk than the WUI Risk Class, provide specific evidence of wildfire risk (reference to appropriate section of a CWRP/CWPP or other plan, etc.).     *Additional evidence for higher wildfire risk (e.g. CWRP/CWPP extract, copies of assessments, etc.) is required to be submitted with the application form.***C.** For the purpose of FireSmart Community Funding & Supports grants, identify the risk category that you are applying under:[ ]  Lower risk of wildfire (may apply for a base grant of up to $100,000)[ ]  Higher risk of wildfire (may apply for a base grant of up to $200,000)  |
| * + - 1. **Other Rationale.** What other rationale or evidence is there for undertaking the proposed project? This may include local hazards identified in the Emergency Plan; threat levels identified in Hazard Risk & Vulnerability Analysis and/or other risk assessments; demonstrated history of repeated and/or significant interface wildfires and evacuations; or other rationale.

     *Evidence of other rationale (e.g. Local Authority Emergency Plan extract, copies of assessments, etc.) is required to be submitted with the application form.* |
| * + - 1. **Communtiy Capacity Challenges**. Please describe any capacity challenges that your community faces in relation to wildfire risk reduction. This could include rural/remote location, lack of local fire department and/or lack of FireSmart position or Community Wildfire Resiliency Committee

      |

|  |
| --- |
| **SECTION 6: Detailed Project Information** |
| * + - 1. **Proposed Activities.** Please refer to Section 6 of the Program & Application Guide for eligibility, and complete Worksheet 1: Proposed Activities & Cost-Estimate. Worksheet 1 is required to be completed for all applications and all projects must include an Education component.
 |
| * + - 1. **Increasing Resiliency.** Please indicate how the proposed project will increase community resiliency by undertaking community-based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community’s risk from wildfire.

     What performance measures will be used to asses the success of the proposed activites?      |
| * + - 1. **Partnerships & Collaboration.** Please identify any other authorities you will collaborate with on the proposed project (e.g. community or resident organizations, First Nation or Indigenous organizations, or other local governments) and outline how you intend to work together.

      |
| * + - 1. **Additional Information.** Please share any other information you think may help support your submission**.**

       |

|  |
| --- |
| **SECTION 7: Application Check List** |
| Required Submissions | Related Attachments |
| [ ]  Application Form | [ ]  Completed CWPP or CWRP as required in Q. 9[ ]  Other rationale, as required in Q. 10 and 11 |
| [ ]  Worksheet 1: Proposed Activities & Cost Estimate | [ ]  Approval from SPCO (if applying for Phase 2, 3 or 4) for FireSmart structure protection equipment, as required in Q.6[ ]  List of proposed training with cost calculation and estimate for each FireSmart position, as required in Q.7[ ]  Completed FireSmart Assessments for structures proposed for FireSmart Projects for Critical Infrastructure, as required in Q. 8[ ]  Completed FireSmart Assessments for structures proposed for FireSmart Projects for Community Assets, as required in Q. 9 |
| [ ]  For fuel management activities only: Worksheet 2: Proposed Fuel Management Activities | [ ]  Additional information that supports treatment as a priority, as required in Q. 6 and/or Q. 11[ ]  For fuel management treatment on Provincial Crown land only, an email from the Land Manager indicating information sharing with First Nations has been completed as required in Q. 14[ ]  Overview map of the community, previously completed treatments, proposed treatments for this application, and planned future treatments[ ]  PDF map and Google Earth compatible KML file, at appropriate scale, outlining the area of interest, proposed treatment units, land status and tenure overlaps[ ]  If available, current wildfire threat assessment plots and/or fuel loading data and rationale for the proposed treatment unit(s)[ ]  For fuel management treatment only, a copy of the completed, signed prescription and project spatial layer[ ]  For cultural and prescribed fire only, a copy of the completed burn plan (in addition to the prescription) and project spatial layer |
| [ ]  For CWRPs and CWPP Updates only: Worksheet 3: Proposed New CWRP or Update to CWRP/CWPP | [ ]  PDF map and Google Earth compatible KML file, at appropriate scale, outlining the area of interest and eligible WUI |
| [ ]  Council, Board or Band Council resolution, indicating support for the current proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management |
| [ ]  For regional projects only: Council, Board or Band Council resolution, from each partnering community that clearly states approval for the applicant to apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on their behalf |
| Submit the completed Application Form and all required related attachments as e-mail attachments to cri@ubcm.ca and note “**2023 CRI**” in the subject line. Submit your application as either a Word or PDF file(s). If you submit by e-mail, hardcopies and/or additional copies of the application are not required. |

|  |
| --- |
| **SECTION 8: Signature** –Applications are required to be signed by an authorized representative of the applicant. Please note all application materials will be shared with the Province of BC and the BC FireSmart Committee. |
| I certify that: (1) to the best of my knowledge, all information is accurate and (2) the area covered by the approved project is within the applicant’s jurisdiction (or appropriate approvals are in place). |
| Name:       | Title:       |
| Signature\*:      *A certified electronic or original signature is required.* | Date:       |

*\* Signatory must be an authorized representative of the applicant (i.e. staff member or elected official).*