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FireSmartTM

WEBINAR

2027 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Funding for FireSmart Activities

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Welcome

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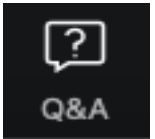
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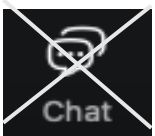
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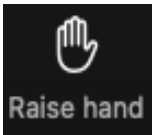
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Introductions

- Jonas Woodrow, Program Officer, UBCM
- Lynsay Pacey, Program Officer, UBCM
- Cathy Mackenzie, Wildfire Resiliency Supervisor, FNESS



Intent of this Webinar

- Focus is on program administration
- We do not have information on funding beyond the 2027 intake
- Q&A – only program administration questions will be addressed



Why is There a 2027 Intake?



2027 Intake

- We received less applications than expected in the closed intake
- Not all applicants in the 2026 intake (open and closed) completed the application process
- Many projects from previous funding cycles have now submitted final reports and have unspent funds
- Approximately \$15 million remaining

2027 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Intake



2027 Intake Details

- Application process remains the same
- Application and allocation-based funding options will continue
- Lower risk class – up to \$150,000 and higher risk class up to \$200,000 in funding
- Only risk class 1-3 are eligible to apply for allocation-based funding
- All requests limited to one-year funding
- Regional applications are welcome

Due to the expected high volume of applications and limited funds, it is likely that this intake will be substantially oversubscribed.



Eligibility

All activities funded under the 2024, 2025 and 2026 intakes must either:

- Be complete and the final report submitted, **OR**
- The Interim Report Form is submitted before December 31, 2026 (indicating the project will be completed within 120 days of the application deadline)

Changes to FireSmart Activities

- New Training: S-219 Firing Operations, S-244 Fire Effects Monitoring
- Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit – Up to \$2500 per attendee, to a maximum of 4
- Funding for the Wildfire Professional position is no longer eligible
- SPU equipment – activities related to the assessment, inventory and/or purchase of SPU equipment are no longer eligible
- SPP-115 Structure Protection Program training is still available; however, it is limited to fire departments with existing Type 2 SPUs

Changes to CWRP Development

- Cost maximums increased to \$45,000 for new CWRPs and \$20,000 for updates to existing CWRP
- These maximums are now inclusive of FireSmart position or other eligible staff position costs, administration costs, and honoraria and are.
- Designated Evacuation Routes (as defined by program guide) within AOI are eligible for Risk Assessments
- CWRPs can be developed at larger scales (i.e., CWRPs can be written for more than one electoral area, or a municipality and a neighbouring electoral area can have one CWRP)

Adjudication

- Competitive adjudication process based on merit and priority.
- All applications received before the deadline will be considered together.
- Applications will be screened for eligibility and then scored based on alignment with program intent, merit and priority.
- Application and allocation requests will have 120-day adjudication process



2027 Intake Timeline

Applications and allocation requests submitted by **December 31, 2026**

Adjudication will be **120 days (January to April)**

Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by **May 1, 2027**

Project Completion by **May 2028**

TIPS & TRICKS

- Pre-application: UBCM program staff, BCWS and FNESS are available to answer questions or concerns prior to the submission of their application
- Application: Table 1 provides a list of all the activities that are eligible for funding. Table 2 lists all required application material
- Resolutions can be submitted anytime within 120-day adjudication period
- Post-grant approval meetings with WRA/WPO are required and very beneficial
- In progress: Interim Report Form (extensions/amendments)
- Reporting: the final reporting requirements are listed in Table 2 of the Program and Application Guide
- Program Officers are always available to answer questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out!



Contact Information

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- **FNESS:** 250 377-7600 or wildfireresiliency@fness.bc.ca
- **BCWS**
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QUESTIONS?