



FRIAA FireSmart Program June 2021 Request for Expressions of Interest – Projects Approved December 2021

The June 2021 FRIAA FireSmart Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) received 35 Applications, asking for a total of \$3,388,350. In December 2021, the Review Committee approved 23 Proposals for \$2,051,602.

Approved projects include:

- 6 for FireSmart Planning;
- 5 for Public Education;
- 1 for Inter-Agency Cooperation; and
- 11 for Vegetation/Fuel Management.

1. Big Lakes County Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment and Sprinkler Plans (Big Lakes County)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: December 2021 – December 2022
- The objective of this project is to develop Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessments and Sprinkler Deployment Plans for Hilliard's Bay Estates, Hilliard's Bay Provincial Park, Shaw's Point Resort and Winagami Provincial Park.

2. Red Earth Creek Wildfire Preparedness Guide and Sprinkler Plan (MD Opportunity)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: January 2022– June 2022
- The objective of this project is to develop a Wildfire Preparedness Guide and Sprinkler Deployment Plans for the Hamlet of Red Earth Creek.

3. Bearberry Area Wildfire Preparedness Guide/Structure Protection Plan (Mountain View County)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: January 2022 – August 2022
- The objective of this project is to develop a Wildfire Preparedness Guide/Structure Protection Plan for the Bearberry area.

4. Woodland Cree First Nation Wildfire Mitigation Strategy (Woodland Cree First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: January 2022 – June 2022
- The objective of this project is to develop a Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment, Wildfire Preparedness Guide and Sprinkler Deployment Plan for Cadotte Lake, Simon Lake and Marten Lake.



5. Wildfire Co-Planning Communities (University of Alberta)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: April 2022 – December 2023
- This project will develop five long-term staging areas (wildfire co-planning communities) to evaluate new methods for wildfire risk assessment. The objective of this project is to enable communities to approach wildfire planning from a collaborative lens. This will provide communities with an enhanced understanding of their current state/gaps using available data sources. Outcomes derived from this project will guide best practices going forward for future implementation on a larger scale.

6. Tsuut'ina Community Wildfire Mitigation Strategy and Sprinkler Deployment Plan (Tsuut'ina Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: January 2022 – August 2022
- The objective of this project is to develop a Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment, Wildfire Preparedness Guide and Sprinkler Deployment Plan for Tsuut'ina Nation.

7. 2022 FireSmart Programming (Lac La Biche County)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: March 2022 – October 2022
- The objective of this project is to conduct 80 FireSmart Home Assessments, provide chipping services to residents, promote FireSmart program through public awareness campaigns, and complete vegetation management maintenance in the Deer Ridge subdivision.

8. Redwood Meadows FireSmart Education (Townsite of Redwood Meadows)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: January 2022 – August 2022
- The objective of this project is to host an Open House to educate the residents of Redwood Meadows about Home Assessments, FireSmart community zone planning and mitigation measures to best protect themselves from the risk of incoming wildfire.

9. FireSmart Education for Priddis Greens Community (Foothills County)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: January 2022 – December 2022
- The objective of this project is to enhance FireSmart awareness and education in Priddis Greens by hosting Open Houses, Zoom Town Hall meetings, and a FireSmart Community event.



10. Fort McKay Métis Public Education (Fort McKay Métis Community Association)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: February 2022 – June 2022
- The objective of this project is to collaborate with Lesser Slave Forest Education Society to develop a FireSmart Education session for the Fort McKay Métis Community Association. This will enhance public awareness of FireSmart in the community.

11. Greater Bragg Creek Resident Debris Chipping Project (Rocky View County)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: May 2022 – October 2022
- The objective of this project is to complete four chipping days in the Greater Bragg Creek Area to enhance public awareness of the FireSmart Program and help reduce fuel loads to reduce the risk of incoming wildfire.

12. Wildland/Urban Interface Field Exercise (Town of Canmore)

- FireSmart Discipline: Inter-Agency Cooperation
- Term of Project: January 2022- October 2022
- The project will offer a wildland/urban interface field exercise to identify strengths and weaknesses in existing emergency plans and improve future response to a wildland/urban interface fire. Participants will include the Town of Canmore, Kananaskis Improvement District, Calgary Forest Area, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Alberta Emergency Management Agency, Alberta Parks, MD of Bighorn, the Town of Banff and Banff National Park.

13. Bighorn Vegetation Management 2022 (Stoney Nakoda Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2021 – September 2022
- The objective of this project is to reduce the threat of incoming wildfire to Bighorn Reserve 144A. Over the course of this project, 27.8 hectares will be treated by selective mulching.

14. Highway 40 West FireSmart Phase 2 (County of Grande Prairie)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: January 2022 – December 2022
- The objective of this project is to complete 19.9 hectares of vegetation management on the West side of Highway 40. Treatment will include removing dead/down trees and any debris within 50 meters of trails.



15. Gift Lake Metis Settlement - Vegetation Management 2022 (Gift Lake Metis Settlement)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: January 2022 – December 2022

The objective of this project is to complete 10.9 hectares of vegetation management within Gift Lake Metis Settlement by hand thinning, pruning, removing dead and down trees, and disposing debris through either pile and burn, chipping or mulching. The treated area will create a buffer zone between an adjacent residential area and the undeveloped forest.

16. Camp Chief Hector YMCA Fuelbreak Maintenance (Kananaskis Improvement District)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: January 2022 – March 2023
- The objective of this project is to maintain the existing fuelbreak area within Camp Chief Hector YMCA. Re-treatment will consist of 21.0 hectares of the removal of dead standing and dead/down materials, thinning, pruning, and debris disposal through pile and burn.

17. Peerless Lake Vegetation Management 2022 (MD Opportunity)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: July 2021 – April 2022
- The objective of this project is to mitigate the risk of incoming wildfire by completing 12.4 hectares of vegetation management within Peerless Lake. The project will remove dead and down trees, thin/prune coniferous forest types, and dispose debris through pile and burn, chipping, or mulching.

18. Trout Lake Vegetation Management 2022 (MD Opportunity)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: January 2022 – December 2022
- The objective of this project is to mitigate the threat of incoming wildfire by treating 10.4 hectares within Trout Lake. This project will remove dead and down trees, selectively remove balsam fir, thin/prune coniferous trees, and dispose debris through pile and burn, chipping, or mulching.

19. Wabasca Vegetation Management 2022 (MD Opportunity)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: January 2022 – December 2022
- The objective of this project is to mitigate the risk of incoming wildfire by conducting vegetation management at the northern end of Wabasca. Over the course of this project, 10.7 hectares will be treated by removing dead and down trees, thinning/pruning of all conifers, and disposing debris through mulching.



20. Elder Vegetation Management (Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: January 2022 – December 2022
- The objective of this project is to decrease the threat of wildfire within Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement. Over the course of this project, 10.1 hectares will be treated by removing all burnt vegetation, removing dead and down trees, thinning and pruning conifers. Debris will be disposed through pile and burn, chipping, or mulching.

21. Priddis Greens Sunrise Way Wildfire Prevention Project (Foothills County)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: March 2022 – November 2022
- The objective of this project is to complete 1.18 hectares vegetation management in the Hamlet of Priddis Greens. The project will remove dead and down trees, remove dead standing trees, and prune all mature coniferous trees. All removed materials will be chipped and hauled to approved disposal sites.

22. Morley Vegetation Management (Stoney Nakoda Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: July 2021 – April 2022
- The objective of this project is to complete vegetation management within the Morley Reserve. Over the course of this project, 21.8 hectares will be treated by hand thinning and pruning, and mechanical mulching.

23. Town of Whitecourt FireSmart Summer Crew 2022 (Town of Whitecourt)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: January 2022 – December 2022
- The objective of this project is to implement FireSmart initiatives at the Town of Whitecourt. Activities include 8.0 hectares of mulching, 10.0 hectares of vegetation maintenance, 6 chipping events for the residents, 8 FireSmart community events, and cross training with Whitecourt Forest Area.