



FRIAA FireSmart Program (FFP)

RFEOI (Veg) /RFP (Non-Veg) – January 2025 Information Sessions

Date: **January 15 or 29, 2024** (2 options)

Time: **10:00 a.m. MST**

Teleconference Dial in #: **Canada, Toll-Free [\(877\) 252-9279](tel:8772529279)**

January 15, 2025

Teams Meeting Link: [Join the meeting now](#)

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January 29, 2025

Team Meeting Link: [Join the meeting now](#)

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Applicants are highly encouraged to participate in one of the Information Sessions. Applicants are required to contact a FRIAA FireSmart field representative to confirm your project scope prior to RFP submission.

Instructions:

THE INFORMATION SESSION WILL START PROMPTLY AT 10 A.M.

Participants can enter the conference call a few minutes prior to 10 a.m. by dialing the teleconference # or using the zoom meeting ID.

Agenda (subject to change)

1. Introductions
 - a. FRIAA FireSmart Program Administrators: Sherry Norton (780-733-8620) and Bibin George Varghese (204-336-6152)
 - b. FRIAA Field Representative – Andy Gesner (780-404-6944), Rick Arthur (403-489-2026) and Wes Nimco (780-689-9073)
 - c. **Please send an email with your name, title and organization to admin@friaa.ab.ca within 24 hours after the teleconference to confirm your participation and details.** This will allow us to contact you if we have additional information to share.
2. Grant Application Process
 - a. One-stage application process for **non-vegetation projects**
 - i. Request for Proposals (RFP) Due – **February 24, 2025 4 p.m.**
 - b. Two-stage application process for **vegetation management projects**
 - i. Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) Due – **February 24, 2025 4 p.m.**
 - ii. Request for Proposals (RFP) by invitation. Tentatively due – **late May 2025**
 - c. Address all required information in the Application Form & Template
 - d. Project term one-year
 - e. Maximum funding request of \$200,000/community per application
 - f. Funding support available for proposal development
3. Activities prioritized for funding:
 - a. Inter-agency cooperation and cross-training



- b. Public education
 - c. Development of FireSmart plans for at-risk communities without a plan
 - d. Mitigation of incoming wildfire through multi-stakeholder projects (10-km community zone).
 - e. Maintenance of previous vegetation management
 - f. Eligible activities in current plans
4. Elements of Successful RFEOs and RFPs
 - a. Separate applications for each FireSmart Discipline (3 templates available)
 - b. Project location (map)
 - c. Quantify outcomes
 - d. Letters of support
 - e. Estimate project budget and in-kind contributions
 - f. Current projects complete
5. Invitation to RFP for vegetation management projects
 - a. Includes more detailed work plan and budget
 - b. Proposal approval mid-June, 2025
6. Conclusion and Questions