



FRIAA FireSmart Program (FFP) RFEOI (Veg) /RFP (Non-Veg) – July 2025 Information Session

Date: **July 30, 2025** Time: **10:00 a.m. MST**

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Applicants are highly encouraged to participate in the Information Session. Applicants are required to contact a FRIAA FireSmart field liaison to confirm your project scope prior to RFP/RFEOI submission. An audio recording will be available for download from the FRIAA website within 48 hours after the live session. For questions, answers and discussion, applicants are encouraged to participate in the live session.

### Instructions:

Participants can connect a few minutes prior to 10 a.m. The Information Session will start promptly at 10 a.m.

### 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](mailto: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 – **September 29, 2025 4 p.m.**
  - b. Two-stage application process for **vegetation management projects**
    - i. Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) Due – **September 29, 2025 4 p.m.**
    - ii. Request for Proposals (RFP) by invitation. Tentatively due – **November 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. Public education
  - b. Inter-agency cooperation and cross-training
  - 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. 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 quantify 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-January, 2026
- 6. Project approvals and the timing of grant funding is subject to funding availability.
- 7. Conclusion and Questions