



FRIAA FireSmart Program
December 2023 Request for Expressions of Interest (Vegetation Management) and
Request for Proposals (Non-Vegetation Management)
Projects Approved in March & May 2024

From the December 2023 RFEI/RFP, the FRIAA FireSmart Program received 42 Applications, asking for a funding total of \$5,309,203.00. The Review Committee approved 28 proposals, for funding of \$2,866,345.00 in March and May 2024.

Approved projects include:

- 7 for FireSmart Planning;
- 3 for Public Education;
- 1 for Development; and
- 17 for Vegetation Management / Fuel Modification.

1. Wildfire Preparedness and Sprinkler Deployment Guide (City of Lethbridge)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will develop a Wildfire Preparedness Guide and Sprinkler Deployment Plan for the City of Lethbridge.

2. Hamlet of Grouard Structure Protection Planning (Big Lakes County)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: May 2024 – December 2024
- This project will develop a Wildfire Hazard & Risk Assessment and a Wildfire Structure Protection Plan to enable emergency responders to effectively and efficiently respond to wildfires threatening the community.

3. Hillard Bay Provincial Firebreak and Trail Planning (Big Lakes County)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: October 2023 – December 2024
- This project will focus on planning for vegetation management by developing a fire break and trail system (defensible space) to allow emergency services to better protect the communities using sprinkler lines, emergency vehicle access and annual vegetation management.



4. South Cooking Lake Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment Update (South Cooking Lake Community League)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: July 2024 – December 2024
- This project will develop a Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessments and Wildfire Mitigation Strategy to identify current wildfire risks and hazards and will include updated values-at-risk, fire season weather, hamlet priorities, firefighting capabilities, wildfire incidents and other information that may have changed since the previous plan was developed.

5. Tallcree FireSmart 2024 (Tallcree First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: March 2024 – September 2024
- This project will update the current Wildfire Mitigation Strategy and Wildfire Preparedness Guides to incorporate changes that have taken place since 2016.

6. Wildfire Preparedness Guide Review and Update (Town of Banff)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: May 2024 – April 2025
- This project will review and update the Town of Banff's Wildfire Preparedness Guide and create a plan for a hi-volume perimeter sprinkler plan.

7. McLennan Hazard and Risk Assessment (Town of McLennan)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: July 2024 – January 2025
- This project will develop a Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment, focussing on the impacts of wildfire on community's critical infrastructure and residential buildings.

8. Inventory of Water Sources (Big Lakes County)

- FireSmart Discipline: Development
- Term of Project: May 2024 – December 2024
- This project will identify water sources for structure protection from wildfire. The dry hydrant planning and engineering project would identify sites within the county in which emergency services (Alberta wildfire, structural services) can gain access to a sustainable water source, in the event of loss of power and to avoid using the limited supply of treated water. This planning process will identify and through an engineering phase, create, access to water, improving the effectiveness of emergency response to wildfire by reducing time to locate water sources.

9. Wood Buffalo FireSmart Home Assessments 2024 (Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: May 2024 – September 2024
- This project will deliver FireSmart Home Assessments to 1000 residents within the RMWB during the summer of 2024 and provide FireSmart information through public engagements events.



10. Peerless Trout First Nation Education Program (Peerless Trout First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: March 2024 – September 2024
- This project will teach each community basic FireSmart techniques that individual residents and homeowners can do around their own properties to reduce the overall fire risk. A community barbeque will be included as part of this plan to increase community engagement. These events are planned to take place over the summer of 2024.

11. Kikino FireSmart Education (Kikino Metis Settlement)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: March 2024 – September 2024
- This project provides for education to the community on FireSmart by holding multiple education events on the importance of FireSmart to the safety and resilience of the community.

12. Castle Mountain Resort Lot 4A Pumphouse Hill South (Castle Mountain Resort and Community)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – January 2025
- This project will provide wildfire hazard reduction of a fuel wick within the Castle Mountain Resort LOC through the completion of prescriptions thin/prune hand crew fuel modification on 1.24 ha.

13. Harvie Heights FireSmart Vegetation Management (MD Bighorn)

- FireSmart Discipline : Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – June 2025
- This project includes 2nd pass thin/prune/clean of the municipal reserve lands within the hamlet for 4.1 ha and new thin/prune/clean of the access road rights-of-way within the Hamlet of 4.4 ha.

14. Town of Cochrane Wildland Fire Hazard Reduction – Part II (Town of Cochrane)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024– December 2024
- This project implements the Fire Mitigation Plan and completes vegetation management on four units within the Town of Cochrane consisting of Unit 1-5.4 ha, Unit 2-0.5 ha, Unit 3-13.7 ha and Unit 4-3.4 ha.

15. FRIAA 2025 FireSmart Summer Mulching Maintenance (Town of Whitecourt)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – December 2025
- This project will complete vegetation management on Town and Crown land in the areas identified as Athabasca South and Hilltop East in the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy of 22.2ha.



16. Fox Creek Vegetation Management Plan 2024 (Town of Fox Creek)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project provides for mulching, pruning and removal of dead and down material on approximately 27.3 ha.

17. Town of Rainbow Lake FRIAA FireSmart Vegetation and Fuel Management (Town of Rainbow Lake)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – October 2024
- This project will complete treatments including thinning, pruning, mulching, removing and disposing of dead and down materials on 51.84 ha.

18. Whitefish Lake First Nation – Vegetation Management 2024 (Whitefish Lake First Nation #459)

- FireSmart Discipline : Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will complete a treatment area for hand thinning, pruning, mulching along with removal of any dead and down debris on 11.3 ha.

19. Driftpile Fire Mitigation (Driftpile Cree First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline : Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will complete a vegetation treatment plan for new areas identified based on the location of critical infrastructure. Treatments consist of thinning/pruning, removing dead and down trees and disposing of debris on 10.3 ha.

20. FireSmart Vegetation Management Maintenance (Town of Banff)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – April 2025
- This project will complete a second pass of thinning, pruning, and removal of dead and down trees and disposing of debris with a combination of pile/burn and chip/haul on 15 ha.

21. Peavine FireSmart Program 2024 (Peavine Metis Settlement)

- FireSmart Discipline : Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – December 2024
- This project will complete the treatment of areas with thinning, pruning, and removing, disposal/burn of dead and down debris on 7.4 ha.

22. MD of Opportunity Wabasca Vegetation Management 2024 (MD of Opportunity)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will complete treatments consisting of thinning/pruning, removing dead and down trees and disposing of debris on 12.7 ha.



23. MD of Opportunity Sandy Lake Vegetation Management 2024 (MD of Opportunity)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will complete treatments consisting of thinning/pruning, removing dead and down trees and disposing of debris on 7.6 ha.

24. MD of Opportunity Red Earth Creek Vegetation Management 2024 (MD of Opportunity)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will complete treatments consisting of thinning/pruning, removing dead and down trees, and disposing of debris on 5.9 ha.

25. Sucker Creek First Nation Vegetation Management 2024 (Sucker Creek First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will complete treatments consisting of thinning/pruning, removing dead and down trees and disposing of debris on 14.7 ha.

26. Gift Lake Metis Settlement Vegetation Management 2024 (Gift Lake Metis Settlement)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – March 2025
- This project will complete treatments consisting of thinning/pruning, removing dead and down trees and disposing of debris on 16.1 ha. Trees deemed suitable for firewood will be bucked into short lengths and piled for removal by residents.

27. FireSmart Highway 40 West Vegetation Management 2024 (County of Grande Prairie No.1)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – June 2025
- This project will complete treatments consisting of thinning/pruning, removing dead and down trees and disposing of debris, as well as an area constructing a 65-m fireguard which will be pre-logged for merchantable timber removal, followed by mulching, for a total treatment area of 41.05 ha.

28. Sunchild First Nation Vegetation Management 2024/2025 (Sunchild First Nation Reserve No. 202)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation Management
- Term of Project: May 2024 – May 2025
- This project will complete selective mulching on 22.9 ha. The fuel type is a conifer dominated mixedwood stand with significant amounts of blowdown scattered throughout the area.