



FRIAA FireSmart Program (FFP)

RFEOI (Veg) /RFP (Non-Veg) – January 2026 Information Sessions

Date: **January 15 or 28, 2026** (2 options)

Time: **11:00 a.m. MST**

January 15, 2026

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89233082958?pwd=vP37LzDphY0629ukPsV1IFNBmBa4Yb.1>

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January 28, 2026

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89385769937?pwd=MJHbXKPw0evHPAuVv4CbmJRye8AtSP.1>

Meeting ID: **893 8576 9937**

Passcode: **260608**

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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/RFEOI submission. An audio recording will be available on the FRIAA website within 24 hours after the first live session. For questions, answers and discussion, applicants are encouraged to participate in a live session.

Instructions:

THE INFORMATION SESSION WILL START PROMPTLY AT 11 A.M.

Participants can enter the conference call a few minutes prior to 11 a.m. by dialing the teleconference # and using the zoom meeting ID or connection link.

Agenda (subject to change)

1. Introductions
 - a. FRIAA FireSmart Program Administrators: Sherry Norton (780-733-8620) and Bibin George Varghese (587-442-4968)
 - 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 13, 2026 4 p.m.**
 - b. Two-stage application process for **vegetation management projects**
 - i. Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) Due – **February 13, 2026 4 p.m.**
 - ii. Request for Proposals (RFP) by invitation. Tentatively due – **May 1, 2026.**
 - 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. Eligible activities in current plans
4. Elements of Successful RFEIs 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, 2026
6. Project approvals and the timing of grant funding is subject to funding availability.
7. Conclusion and Questions.