



FRIAA CFP RFP

CFP FEBRUARY 2026 WILDFIRE PLANNING CONSULTANTS

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- Question:** Can I submit a proposal and be awarded a grant if I don't have COR / SECOR?

Answer: Possibly – options may include having an equivalency assessment (confirming that all of the applicable OHS standards are met by your safety plan) completed by a third party and presenting the result to FRIAA, or partnering with another organization who has COR or SECOR and is willing to take the lead and have you covered by their certification.
- Question:** Can I partner with another firm to deliver the scope of work?

Answer: Yes, indicate your arrangements and who will be responsible for what portions of the scope of work, and their skills/experience in this area. “Partners” or “sub-contractors” are both acceptable, as long as responsibility is clear. Note that the Project Grant Agreement is only signed between FRIAA and one entity, who is considered responsible for reporting and outcome delivery. Be sure your proposal describes your understanding of the scope of work, be fulsome, clear and concise.
- Question:** If a VCE is required, it may take a year, including the components of land survey or consultation. How does this impact the project delivery timeline?

Answer: Each community plan may evolve over the project duration. Excluding circumstances beyond the consultant's control, FRIAA expects project completion by the end of August, so that the next phase of construction could begin in the fall / with frozen ground conditions. If all documentation and regulatory approvals have been initiated as appropriate, and “final paperwork” remains outstanding but field operations are enabled to proceed, this will be acceptable.
- Question:** How do I budget for a WAIR (Alberta Wetland Assessment and Impact Report)? I don't know for sure if it's needed or what the assessment cost will be. The same could be true for TDA.

Answer: For location specific considerations like this, demonstrate your understanding of local conditions, showing a budget line item to develop the application and indicate (if needed). Further, you may indicate based on your experience that a cost could be \$x.xx, and if required, would need additional funding for the actual assessment payment.
- Question:** How will FRIAA ensure that the listed community's get a consultant on the team with local knowledge and vested interest?

Answer: The fireguard planning committee developed with each community will include the local fire department, FireSmart Coordinator and/or potentially elected representation, Alberta Forestry and Parks - Alberta Wildfire and FRIAA representatives, and the local timber mill(s). The selected consultant for each community will be expected to participate in these planning meetings, incorporate the feedback provided, report back on progress and findings to the committee, conduct local field assessments as needed (and do this cost-effectively, so close proximity to the site is advantageous).