



FRIAA FireSmart Program (FFP)

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

Date: **June 22, 2026**

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

June 22, 2026

Zoom Meeting Link:

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Applicants are highly encouraged to participate in the Information Session. 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 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 – **September 04, 2026 4 p.m.**
 - b. Two-stage application process for **vegetation management projects**
 - i. Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) Due – **September 04, 2026 4 p.m.**
 - ii. Request for Proposals (RFP) by invitation. Tentatively due – **November 13, 2026.**
 - c. Address all required information in the Application Form & Template
 - d. Project term one-year
 - e. Maximum funding request up to \$300,000/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 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-December, 2026
6. Conclusion and Questions.