

Note* This table is not an exhaustive list of eligible activities but rather is meant to provide the framework for applicants to organize applications and better develop and pre-plan their wildland fire resiliency journey. Activities outlined in applications but not listed below will be reviewed for alignment with the Community Wildfire Resiliency Prevention and Mitigation Program.

Application closing date is November 6, 2026

Applicants can apply for up to \$250,000 total per intake. High cost projects are expected to demonstrate excellent improvement in wildfire risk reduction for a wide range of people and/or multiple communities.

1.0 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
1.1 Development of a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.	- Individual Community/Organization: up to \$34,200 - Cohort (2 or more) Communities/Organizations: up to \$67,666.00
1.2 Remote Community Travel Stipend	Up to \$3800 per plan

2.0 Education

Increasing education and awareness of the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and wildland fire risk reduction among Newfoundland and Labrador residents will foster more resilient communities. Supporting public understanding of mitigation activities, encouraging the adoption of FireSmart principles and practices.

A total of \$ 8,000 is applicable to be claimed under education per application

Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
2.1) Display and Event Materials (FireSmart Branded)	- Retractable Banners: up to \$1200 - Posters: up to \$250 - Tents: up to \$1500 - Tablecloths: up to \$450 - Sandwich Boards up to \$300 - Miscellaneous event supplies: up to \$250
2.2) Educational Resources (Printed) Found here: Resources – FireSmart Canada	Up to \$850 per event
2.3) Community Events	Venue rental, Audio/visual rentals, refreshments: up to \$1500 per year.

2.4) Promotional Giveaways (FireSmart Branded)	• Reusable Tote Bags with FireSmart Messaging: up to \$350 per year. • Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Notepads: up to \$250 per year • Seed Packets or other Educational Giveaways: up to \$200 per year. • Stickers, Magnets, Tattoos: up to \$200 per year.
2.5) Community Engagement and Advertising	• Graphic design services: up to \$1000 per year. • Social Media Advertising and Promotion: up to \$1000 per year. • Digital Signage Content: up to \$1500 per year. • Information Kiosks and Signage: up to \$2500 per year. • Educational materials and incentives directly supporting approved FireSmart outreach activities: up to \$750 per year.
3.0 Emergency Planning & Community Readiness Wildland fire poses a serious risk to communities, especially within the wildland-urban interface. Emergency planning is a proactive approach where residents, community leaders, fire departments, and businesses develop procedures and action plans outlining the steps to take before, during, and after a wildland fire emergency. Effective emergency planning helps protect life, property, and critical community assets while improving the community's ability to respond to and recover from wildland fire events. A total of \$18,500 is applicable to be claimed under Emergency Planning per application	
Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
3.1) Develop and/or participate in cross-jurisdictional meetings and exercises.	Up to \$9800 per year. • Wildland fire preparedness Exercises • Tabletop Exercises

Note: eligible costs include coordination, administration, and travel. Staff wages and costs related to back-filling positions are not eligible for funding.	• Community Evacuation preparedness activities • Interagency coordination initiatives
3.2) Development or amendment of emergency preparedness plans, strategies, and partnerships.	Up to \$11,880 per plan. • Wildland fire readiness planning • Development of wildland fire response protocols and procedures • Incorporating wildland fire incidents into community evacuation plans. • Development of emergency communications strategies • Registry development of vulnerable populations.
4.0 Vegetation Management Vegetation management is a key element of effective wildland fire prevention and mitigation, with the goal of reducing wildland fire risk by modifying the amount, type, and spatial arrangement of vegetation. When planned and implemented strategically, vegetation management reduces fuel continuity and fire intensity while limiting ember exposure, thereby increasing the resilience of homes, critical infrastructure, and community assets. These practices can be applied across multiple spatial scales, including the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ), community perimeter, and broader landscape. A total of \$250,000 is applicable to be claimed under Vegetation Management per application.	
Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
4.1) Vegetation Removal Note: Fuel break maintenance is only eligible 5 years after initial construction. Quotes/Estimates are to be provided with Fuel Break construction applications.	• Fuel break construction reasonable and demonstrated costs up to \$250,000 per year. • Monitoring and evaluation of completed fuel treatments: up \$10,000 per year. • Fuel Break maintenance: up to \$45,000 per maintenance cycle.
4.2) Planning and Assessments	• Fuel Management/Fuel Break Feasibility

	Assessment: up to \$ 10,000 per project • Wildland Hazard and Fuel Assessments: up to \$5000 per project • Vegetation Inventory and Mapping: up to \$3000 per project • Fuel Treatment Prescription Development: up to \$10,000 per project • GIS Mapping and Analysis for Fuel Management: up to \$4000 per project.
4.3) Equipment	• Commercial Chipper Rental: up to \$1500 per year. • Power Tools (chainsaw, brush saw, pole saw) up to \$3500 per project (purchases subject to review prior to approval) • Miscellaneous hand tools: up to \$850 per project (Subject to review) • Fuel and oil costs to be estimated by the applicant and submitted in the budget. • Miscellaneous Implementation Supplies : up to \$850 per project.
4.4) Seasonal FireSmart Mitigation Crew	• 2 Seasonal Employees: up to 29,263 per year (total) • PPE and required training: up to \$3615 per year (total)
5.0 Policy and Development Planning Post-fire studies, experiments and models have shown that homes ignite due to the condition of the structure and everything around it, up to 100 metres from the foundation. Legislation, bylaws, plans, policies and development standards all play a significant role in building and maintaining FireSmart neighbourhoods. Considering wildland fire at the development planning stage is a key step in protecting neighbourhoods from wildland fire.	

Changes to development standards and land-use decisions are required to ensure our neighbourhoods and communities remain safe and defensible in the event of a wildland fire. As our communities grow and adapt to changing climate conditions, it is essential that development practices and ongoing land management be designed to reduce the potential for wildland fire spread and associated impacts.

A total of \$17,820 is applicable to be claimed under Policy and Development Planning per application

Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
5.1) Development or amendment of bylaws, policies and practices, to adopt FireSmart practices	Up to \$ 11,880 per year
5.2) Incorporation of FireSmart Principles through amending Official Community Plans, Emergency Management Plans, Strategic Plan / Operational Plans.	Up to \$11,880 per year
5.3) Incorporation of FireSmart Principles through establishing or revision of landscaping requirements in zoning and development permits.	Up to \$11,880 per year
5.4) Incorporation of FireSmart Principles through revision of Subdivision Design Procedures and Municipal Engineering Standards.	Up to \$11,880 per year
5.5) Development of Wildland Fire hazard development guidelines, development permit requirements, and wildland fire risk considerations for future growth areas.	Up to \$11,880 per year

6.0 Interagency Cooperation

Effective interagency cooperation is essential to achieving coordination, efficient, and sustainable outcomes. Strengthening collaboration among participating agencies will reduce duplication of effort, improve service delivery, and ensure a unified approach to shared objectives.

A total of \$14,100 is applicable to be claimed under Interagency Cooperation per application

Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
6.1) Establish interagency taskforce through Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs), agreements, or governance frameworks that define roles, responsibilities, and	Up to \$9800 per year

decision-making processes.	
6.2) Conduct regular joint planning sessions, training, and exercises to strengthen coordination and clarify roles and responsibilities.	Up to \$9800 per year
6.3) Host Interagency community workshops.	Up to \$4500 per workshop
7.0 Cross Training Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fires present a complex hazard requiring coordinated action among municipal departments, provincial agencies, Indigenous Governments and Organizations, utilities, industrial land managers, and emergency response partners. Cross training supports interoperability, improves situational awareness, and strengthens wildland fire preparedness and response capacity. A total of \$12,000 is applicable to be claimed under Cross Training per application	
Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
7.1) Training Note: eligible costs include coordination, administration, and travel. Staff wages and costs related to back-filling positions are not eligible for funding. Up to two staff/volunteers per eligible applicant to travel (accommodations, meals, fuel) to workshop outside of their community.	- Level 1 Ambassador: Free online - Level 2 NRP Specialist: up to \$2,000 per training session. - Level 3 HIZ Specialist: up to \$2,000 per training session. - ICS – 200 up to \$2,000 per training session. - ICS – 300 up to \$2,000 per training session. - S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface: up to \$2,000 per training session.
8.0 FireSmart Positions Positions may be required to support FireSmart implementation activities, including public education, Home Ignition Zone assessments, neighborhood assessments, community engagement, vegetation management coordination, and implementation of Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan recommendations.	
Eligible Activities	Maximum Cost and Guidance
8.1) FireSmart Positions Salary costs are eligible. Mandatory Employment Related Costs (MERCs) may be claimed in addition to salary and must be supported through payroll records or employer calculations.	FireSmart Junior Coordinator (Summer Student/Youth position): up to \$5320 per year (salary), or \$6500 per year (Salary + MERCs).

	• FireSmart Coordinator: Up to \$24,423.75 per year (salary), or \$29,500 per year (Salary + MERCs). These positions will be funded for a maximum of 2 years. At which point applicants will have to self-fund.
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Appendix A

Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Program (CWPMP)

Eligible Activities Guidance

Purpose

Funding supports the implementation of community-based wildfire risk reduction initiatives that reduce the likelihood and impacts of wildland fire on communities.

Activities

must align with FireSmart principles and contribute to one or more of the seven FireSmart

disciplines:

1. Education
2. Emergency Planning
3. Vegetation Management
4. Legislation and Planning
5. Development Considerations
6. Interagency Cooperation
7. Cross-Training

Projects must demonstrate a clear link to reducing wildfire risk to communities, critical infrastructure, cultural assets, or other values at risk identified through a

Community Wildfire Resilience Plan (CWRP), FireSmart

assessment, risk assessment, or equivalent planning document.

Eligible Costs

- Consultant fees
- Contractor costs
- Travel
- Accommodations
- Venue rentals
- Equipment rentals

- Training registration fees
- Mapping and GIS services

Eligible Activities

1. FireSmart Governance and Capacity Building

Activities that strengthen a community's long-term ability to implement wildfire risk reduction initiatives, including:

- Hiring or contracting FireSmart Coordinators, Wildfire Mitigation Specialists, or similar positions.
- Community FireSmart program administration.
- Establishment or support of wildfire risk reduction committees, working groups, and partnerships.
- Development and implementation of FireSmart policies, procedures, and maintenance plans.
- Indigenous knowledge integration and community engagement related to wildfire resilience.

2. Community Wildfire Planning and Risk Assessments

- Activities that support identification and prioritization of wildfire risk reduction actions specifically, the development or update of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWRPs).

3. Public Education and Community Outreach

Activities that increase community awareness and adoption of FireSmart practices, including:

- Community FireSmart workshops and events.
- Public awareness campaigns.
- Development and distribution of FireSmart educational materials.
- Demonstration projects showcasing FireSmart practices.
- Community engagement activities supporting mitigation projects.

4. Vegetation Management and Fuel Reduction

In support of CWRP recommendations, activities that reduce hazardous vegetation and fuel accumulation in and around communities, including:

Eligible Treatments

- Surface fuel reduction.
- Brush and understory removal.
- Thinning of dense vegetation.
- Pruning of trees.
- Removal of ladder fuels.
- Establishment and maintenance of defensible space.
- Fuel breaks and shaded fuel breaks.
- Hazard tree removal.
- Treatment of community-owned lands.
- Treatment of Indigenous community-owned lands.
- Treatment around critical infrastructure and community assets.
- Treatment around cultural and heritage sites.
- Maintenance of previously completed mitigation treatments.
- Disposal of woody debris generated through mitigation activities.

Examples (as recommended by CWRP's)

- Community fuel reduction projects.
- Vegetation management around evacuation routes.
- Treatment around water treatment facilities, power infrastructure, communications sites, and emergency facilities.
- FireSmart treatments around community gathering places and cultural assets.

5. Indigenous Cultural and Traditional Land Protection

Activities designed to reduce wildfire risk to culturally significant locations, including:

- Protection of cultural sites.
- Protection of traditional gathering areas.
- Protection of ceremonial locations.
- Protection of Indigenous heritage assets.
- Community-led mitigation projects informed by Indigenous knowledge.
- Cultural burning planning and implementation where authorized by applicable authorities.

6. Emergency Preparedness and Community Readiness

Activities that improve preparedness for wildfire events, including:

- Wildfire preparedness exercises.
- Tabletop exercises.
- Community evacuation preparedness activities.
- Wildfire readiness planning.
- Interagency coordination initiatives.

- Development of wildfire response protocols and procedures.

7. Training and Professional Development

Training directly related to wildfire prevention and mitigation, including:

- FireSmart Coordinator training.
- Wildfire Mitigation Specialist training.
- FireSmart assessment training.
- Vegetation management training.
- Chainsaw safety training.
- Indigenous cultural burning training.
- Wildfire planning and risk assessment training.
- Community wildfire resilience workshops and conferences.

Training focused primarily on wildfire suppression, structural firefighting certification, or emergency response operations **is not eligible** unless directly linked to prevention and mitigation activities.

Eligible Equipment

Equipment purchases must directly support the implementation of approved vegetation management, fuel reduction, FireSmart assessment, or community mitigation activities.

Examples of eligible equipment include:

Vegetation Management Equipment

- Chainsaws
- Pole saws
- Pruning saws
- Brush cutters
- Weed trimmers
- Loppers
- Forestry hand tools
- Pulaskis
- McLeod tools
- Rakes and shovels
- Portable wood chippers
- Portable mulching equipment
- Backpack sprayers used for mitigation activities
- Drip torches and prescribed fire equipment where authorized

Crew Safety Equipment

- Chainsaw PPE
- Hard hats
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- High-visibility clothing
- Safety chaps
- First aid kits

Project Implementation Supplies

- Fuel debris bags
- Tarps
- Signage related to mitigation projects
- Public education materials
- Temporary demonstration equipment

Capital Equipment

Capital equipment exceeding \$10,000 may be considered where:

- It is mobile and deployable;
- It directly supports wildfire prevention and mitigation activities;
- It is not permanently installed;
- It is justified as necessary for long-term community wildfire risk reduction.

Ineligible Activities

The following activities are not eligible:

- Wildfire suppression operations.
- Fire department operational response equipment.
- Fire engines and firefighting vehicles.
- Structural firefighting equipment.
- Personal protective equipment used exclusively for suppression activities.
- Emergency response equipment unrelated to prevention or mitigation.
- Construction of buildings or facilities.
- Land acquisition.
- Permanent infrastructure projects.
- Routine municipal or community maintenance unrelated to wildfire risk reduction.
- Activities not linked to a wildfire risk reduction objective.
- Activities already completed prior to project approval.

Ineligible Equipment

Examples include:

- Fire trucks.
- Water tenders.
- Structural firefighting gear.
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Permanent sprinkler systems.
- Permanent water infrastructure.
- Building construction materials.
- Heavy equipment purchased primarily for general public works purposes.
- Equipment intended primarily for emergency response or suppression operations.

General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, all projects must:

1. Demonstrate a clear wildfire risk reduction objective.
2. Align with FireSmart principles and community wildfire resilience goals.
3. Be supported by a wildfire risk assessment, CWRP, FireSmart assessment, or equivalent planning document.
4. Occur within an eligible community, municipality, local government, Indigenous Government or Organization, or another approved recipient.
5. Be completed within the approved project period.
6. Comply with all applicable environmental, regulatory, and permitting requirements.
7. Demonstrate value for money and reasonable project costs.