



# RDCK Neighbourhood FireSmart Grant 2021

The RDCK Neighbourhood FireSmart Grant Program is being introduced to help local FireSmart committees make their neighbourhoods more resilient to wildfire. Up to \$3,000 in grants/rebates are available to FireSmart Canada recognized neighbourhoods or those pursuing recognition for the first time within the RDCK. The deadline for application is September 30, 2021.

## Who Can Apply

Any neighbourhood within the RDCK that has received, or is pursuing, FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition status. To apply, the neighbourhood must already have an established FireSmart committee and have received a FireSmart Neighbourhood Assessment from an RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

## Scope

- Each neighbourhood can apply for up to \$3,000 in funds. This money will be distributed in amounts between \$500 and \$3,000 to neighbourhoods based on the strength of their application.
- This grant will provide funds to support Neighbourhood Champions undertaking activities for FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition. These include FireSmart activities, hours spent coordinating events, providing education and reimbursement for time spent completing and submitting application materials. Examples of eligible expenses are volunteer hours spent organizing or working at events, hiring equipment such as wood chippers and tools or contracted labour.
- The grant **cannot provide funds to purchase** tools, goods, or materials. Ex: purchase of a wood chipper, hand tools, fire suppression equipment, etc.

## The Process

- FireSmart Neighbourhood Committees are encouraged to work closely with their local RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist while creating their application.
- Deadline for applications is **September 30, 2021**
- Applications should include detailed descriptions of work, as well as any relevant work hours estimate, hours tracking, receipts/quotes, photos, maps, etc.
- Applications can be submitted to the RDCK FireSmart Program Coordinator via email at [firesmart@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:firesmart@rdck.bc.ca)

## Additional Information

- For more information please call **250-352-1539** or visit us online at [www.rdck.ca/firesmart](http://www.rdck.ca/firesmart)
- Work completed before 2021 will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- Work carried out by the neighbourhood champion and committee will qualify. The hourly rate for this work is \$25.43/hour.
- Precedent may be given to neighbourhoods already recognized through FireSmart Canada, as well as applications that address recommendations provided in your FireSmart Neighbourhood Report.
- FireSmart Committees will be required to provide proof of expenditures.

**For more information**  
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