



FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion Grant Guidelines 2023

The goal of the FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion Grant is to provide funds in order to help RDCK FireSmart Neighbourhood Champions make their neighbourhoods more resilient against wildfire. Champions can apply for a maximum of \$3,000 in grant funds to be compensated for their work completed in 2023.

Who Can Apply

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

Scope

- Each FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion is eligible to apply for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$3,000 in funds.
- This grant will **reimburse 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, renting equipment such as wood chippers and tools or contracted labour.
- The grant **cannot provide funds to purchase** tools, goods, or food & beverage. Ex: purchase of a wood chipper, hand tools, fire suppression equipment, etc.
- The grant is a reimbursement, so work must be completed prior to submitting the application. No payments for future planned events.

The Process

- FireSmart neighbourhood Champions are encouraged to work closely with their local RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist while creating their application.
- Applications must include the Neighbourhood Champion Grant 2022 Application Form, [Volunteer Hours Tracking Forms](#), [Resource Tracking Forms](#), any applicable receipts, as well as photos.
- Applications can be submitted to the RDCK FireSmart Program Coordinator via email at firesmart@rdck.bc.ca
- Deadline for applications is **October 22, 2023**

Additional Information

- Work completed before 2023 will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- The hourly rate for this work is \$29.00/hour.
- The RDCK has a limited amount of funding for 2023 Neighbourhood Champion Grants. Dependent of the number of applicants, grant monies will be split up and awarded based on strength of application and actions taken. Precedent may be given to neighbourhoods already recognized through FireSmart Canada.
- FireSmart Committees will be required to provide proof of expenditures and volunteer hours.

For more information

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