

# Community Resiliency Investment Program

## 2024 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports

### Allocation-based Funding Worksheet

The 2024 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program will have an open intake. Funding permitting, eligible recipients can submit one funding request between **October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024**.

First Nations and local governments with a higher risk of wildfire, generally demonstrated by WUI Risk Class 1 to 3, that have a FireSmart Position, participate in a Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee and have an acceptable Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan/ Community Wildfire Protection Plan are eligible to receive FireSmart Community Funding and Supports funding for FireSmart activities only through the allocation-based program.

Please complete and return the worksheet with all required attachments. **Eligible recipients are not required to submit a full Application-based funding package.**

If you have any questions, contact [cri@ubcm.ca](mailto:cri@ubcm.ca) or (604) 270-8226 ext. 220.

#### SECTION 1: Recipient Information

First Nation or Local Government full name:  
Cowichan Valley Regional District

File number\*:  
LGPS-10527

\* Refer to the LGPS Online Application Form submission confirmation email.

#### SECTION 2: For Regional District Recipients Only

- 1. Electoral Areas.** Please identify which electoral areas you would like to receive allocation-based funding for:

Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I of the CVRD.

*Note: In order to receive an additional \$50,000 per electoral area, electoral areas must meet the risk class and eligibility criteria identified in Questions 2 and 4.*

#### SECTION 3: Wildfire Risk & Additional Evidence

- 2. A. WUI Wildfire Risk Class.** Provide the WUI Risk Class (1 – 5) for the general area of interest of your community, including the WUI polygon name, from the risk class map. Refer to Appendix 2 of the [Allocation-based Funding Program and Application Guide](#).

Risk Class: Range of risk classes 1-3 throughout the Cowichan

WUI Polygon name: Duncan RC 3 (EA D and E), Lake Cowichan RC 2 (EA I, E and F), Nanaimo RC 5 (EA G - see below), Cobble Hill RC 4 (EA A, B and C - see below)

*Note: for regional districts only, please provide the risk class and WUI polygon name for each electoral area identified in Question 3.*

**B. Additional Evidence.** If local assessments provide additional evidence of higher wildfire risk than the WUI Risk Class, provide specific evidence of wildfire risk (reference to specific page of a CWRP/CWPP).

Additional evidence of risk was presented in the 2019 CWPP:

Central Zone (includes EA B)- Local Wildfire Threat Classification (4.3.5): The areas that represent the highest wildfire behavior potential and greatest risk to values within the CVRD Central Zone are areas of high threat class along the Cowichan River west of Sahtlam, southwest of Duncan along Indian Road, south of Deerholme east of Keating Lake, surrounding Genoa Bay, and in the Mines Road area south of Cowichan Station.

West Zone - Local Wildfire Threat Classification (4.3.5): The areas that represent the highest wildfire behavior potential and greatest risk to values within the CVRD West Zone are areas of high threat class surrounding Honeymoon Bay, Mesachie Lake, and in patches adjacent to Highway 18 and the Cowichan River between Paldi and Lake Cowichan.

North Zone (includes EA G) - Local Wildfire Threat Classification (4.3.5): The areas that represent the highest wildfire behaviour potential and greatest risk to values within the CVRD North Zone are areas of high threat class surrounding the development of Panorama Ridge, west and northwest of Panorama Ridge (along Watt Road), south of Mount Hayes LNG Storage Facility, and along west ridge of the Town of Ladysmith.

South Zone (includes EA A, B, and C) - Local Wildfire Threat Classification (4.3.5): The areas that represent the highest wildfire behavior potential and greatest risk to values within the CVRD South Zone are areas of high threat class surrounding the development of Cougar Ridge; north / northwest of the Village of Shawnigan Lake; and south of Cowichan Station.

## **SECTION 4: FireSmart Components and Eligibility Criteria**

**3. Progress to Date.** If you were approved for funding under previous rounds of the FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program, please provide the status of the previous project(s).

2021 project: Fuel Management Projects in two parks, training for fire departments - completed, final report submitted and approved for reimbursement.

2022 project: For Ladysmith and the CVRD - fuel prescription plan in holland creek, Critical Infrastructure assessments in Ladysmith, neighborhood recognition programs, home assessments, HPP training and program initiation. Completed, and final report submitted.

2023 project: For the CVRD - home assessments, neighborhood recognition and residential rebate program. Also includes several critical infrastructure mitigation projects and phase 1 structural protection program for the south of the region. An interim report will be submitted with this project application. This project will conclude the day prior to the new program, if approved, commencing.

*Refer to the Allocation-based Funding Program and Application Guide for reporting requirements for previous projects.*

**4. Required FireSmart Components.** To be eligible for allocation-based funding, all recipients must have the following FireSmart components developed and active in their community.

CWRPs and CWPPs must be complete and acceptable to the BCWS, FNESS and/or, where applicable, BC Parks. To be considered acceptable, CWRPs must be developed in accordance with the template and guidance document and must include assessment and identification of FireSmart and fuel management priorities.

☒ FireSmart Position: FireSmart Coordinator - position in place since 2022 (coordinates and leads program, strategy, home assessments, rebate program, supervises LFRs). Local Fire Representatives - 2 positions in place since 2023 (HIZ, events, presentations, CI assessments, neighborhood recognition program). This applies to all electoral areas.

☒ Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan or CWPP (if not previously submitted to UBCM, submit plan): CWPP, which applies to all electoral areas, was updated in 2019 (will be updated at NEXT intake) - 2019 CWPP already submitted to UBCM.

☒ Community FireSmart & Resiliency Committee: Emergency Management Cowichan (administered by the CVRD, paid for by all local authorities in Cowichan) hosts and chairs this committee. Participants include CVRD (representing all electoral areas) Thetis Island LFR, Cowichan Tribes, BCWS, Forester from Municipality of North Cowichan, Lake Cowichan / Ts'uubaa-asatx FireSmart lead, Dididaht First Nations, EM Cowichan FireSmart Team (for Duncan, Ladysmith and CVRD).

If you do not have one or more of the required FireSmart components in place, please provide a clear rationale: n/a

*Note: for regional districts only, please provide information on required FireSmart components for each electoral area identified in Question 1.*

## SECTION 5: Allocation-based Funding Submission Requirements

Only complete submissions will be considered for funding.

Submissions	Related Attachments (as required)
Allocation-based Funding Worksheet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If available, workplans, budgets or other documents with information on anticipated FireSmart activities <input type="checkbox"/> Completed CWPP or CWRP (if not previously submitted)
Prior to commencing FireSmart activities (as required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval from SPCO (if applying for Phase 2, 3 or 4) for FireSmart structure protection equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Completed FireSmart Assessment(s) for eligible FireSmart Projects for Critical Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Completed FireSmart Assessment(s) for eligible FireSmart Projects for Community Assets <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Prescription Checklist <u>and</u> FireSmart Assessment(s) for eligible FireSmart Projects for Culturally Significant Sites

	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Prescription Checklist <u>and</u> FireSmart Assessment(s) for eligible FireSmart Projects for Green Spaces <input type="checkbox"/> In cases where critical infrastructure, community assets or culturally significant sites are located on <b>Provincial Crown Land</b> confirmation that the proposed activities are supported will be required from Provincial Crown Land Manager (BC Parks, Mountain Resort Branch, Natural Resource District and/or Recreation Sites and Trails) at the time of application submission.
For CWRP updates only  <i>Recipients with an acceptable plan that would like to amend/develop a CWRP must contact UBCM before commencing the project.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> PDF map <u>and</u> Google Earth compatible KML file, at appropriate scale, outlining the area of interest and eligible WUI <input type="checkbox"/> In cases where the eligible WUI is outside of the AOI, confirmation that the proposed risk assessments activities are supported will be required <u>at the time of application submission</u> from Provincial Crown Land Manager (BC Parks, Mountain Resort Branch, Natural Resource District and/or Recreation Sites and Trails), other land managers (e.g., Indigenous Services Canada, local government) and/or First Nations (where overlap on reserves and/or traditional territories may exist). <input type="checkbox"/> In cases where the eligible WUI includes Private Managed Forest Land (PMFL), confirmation that the proposed risk assessments activities are supported will be required <u>at the time of application submission</u> from the PMFL.
For Fuel Management only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the Application-based program. Worksheet 2 can be submitted with the Allocation-based Funding Worksheet or at a later date.</li> </ul>
For Additional Funding for Recipients Impacted by 2023 Wildfires only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the Appendix 3. Worksheet 4 can be submitted with the Allocation-based Funding Worksheet or at a later date.</li> </ul>
Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Board or Band Council resolution, indicating support for the current proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management

**SECTION 6: Signature** – This worksheet is required to be signed by an authorized representative of the recipient (*i.e., staff member or elected official*). Please note all materials will be shared with the Province of BC, First Nations' Emergency Services Society and the BC FireSmart Committee.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge: (1) all information is accurate, (2) the area covered by the proposed project is within the recipient's jurisdiction (or appropriate approvals are in place) and (3) it is understood that this project may be subject to a compliance audit under the program.

Further, for all funded activities, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge: all funded activities will meet eligibility and funding requirements as defined in the [Allocation-based Funding Program and Application Guide](#).

Further, for FireSmart Positions, I certify that: (1) I have read and understand the recommended Job Description(s) and (2) the primary focus of the position is to support eligible FireSmart activities but that other activities related to emergency management (i.e., EOC, ESS, evacuations), structural fire and/or forestry (i.e., Indigenous Guardians) are eligible as no more than 20% of job duties.

Name: Tracy Bowen

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Signature:

Date: May 8, 2024

*A certified digital or original signature is required.*

**Documents should be submitted as Word, Excel, or PDF files.  
Total file size for email attachments cannot exceed 20 MB.**

**All documents should be submitted to Local Government Program Services,  
Union of BC Municipalities by e-mail: [cri@ubcm.ca](mailto:cri@ubcm.ca).**

**Please note "2024 CRI-Allocation-based" in the subject line**