

BACKGROUND

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROGRAM, Fall 2019 LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING

The Community Wildfire Program helps communities enhance their efforts at reducing the risk of wildfires occurring within or adjacent to communities in the Basin.

Community	Organization	Description	Amount
Canal Flats	Village of Canal Flats	Hire a professional wildfire consultant to create a formal FireSmart education program and committee.	\$14,000
Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Reduce the risks of interface wildfire by treating forest fuels within lands managed by the Creston Valley Community Forest, Kaslo and District Community Forest and Nakusp and Area Community Forest, and analyze the findings to develop prescription guidelines and performance standards that other communities can use.	\$493,000
Invermere	District of Invermere	Hire students to deliver door-to-door FireSmart materials, provide assessments to homes in medium- to high-risk wildfire areas, present at public events throughout the summer and update social media; also have interface wildfire consultants host a FireSmart workshop for construction and landscape professionals.	\$25,000
Kimberley	City of Kimberley	Apply a treatment strategy to 40 hectares on two conifer plantations of different ages and stand characteristics and assess them for treatment viability and effectiveness.	\$154,000
Nelson	City of Nelson	Deliver four wildfire education programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prepare and share a FireSmart video showcase - host a disaster preparedness day - hold a wildfire risk reduction open house and - hire a FireSmart coordinator to facilitate volunteers to learn hands on about fire-breaks and the effectiveness of them by building a 1.6 km fire-break on the Rails-to-Tails trail in Nelson. 	\$26,100

Regional District of East Kootenay	Regional District of East Kootenay	Hire a FireSmart coordinator to educate residents on how to reduce wildfire risk on private properties, deliver FireSmart community workshops and support Wildfire Preparedness Day.	\$25,000
Rossland	City of Rossland	Reduce high wildfire hazard in 12.5 hectares of forest by applying a fuel treatment that rots woody debris in “hugels” rather than burning or chipping, as well as expand public education and awareness of community’s FireSmart Community Recognition Program. This includes hazard assessments for property owners, communication materials, training for community champions and hosting FireSmart events.	\$255,000
Sparwood	District of Sparwood	Appoint a current volunteer firefighter as the FireSmart ambassador and hire a student to deliver FireSmart; these people will raise awareness and deliver FireSmart programs to property owners and the District, educate about how to reduce wildfire impacts, conduct door-to-door FireSmart assessments and provide customized FireSmart actions to property owners.	\$11,923
TOTAL			\$1,004,423

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