

COLUMBIA BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY INITIATIVE

This program helps communities create short-term and immediate jobs related to reducing wildfire risks in the Basin. Communities get support to build local wildfire resiliency while recovering from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community	Organization	Project	Description	Amount
Bannock Point near Silverton	Wildsight Regional	Agroforestry Demonstration Project	Implement an innovative agroforestry wildfire risk reduction pilot that will create immediate employment and professional development opportunities for youth.	\$150,000
Castlegar	Selkirk College	Skattebo Education Forest Fuel Management	Implement fuel treatment at the Skattebo Education Forest, near the community of Glade, creating training opportunities and jobs in data collection and fuel management; enhance community education, progressing toward wildfire resiliency.	\$156,000
Cranbrook	Regional District of East Kootenay	Interface Fire Prevention Officers	Create two new Interface Fire Prevention Officer positions to support and deliver the FireSmart Canada Neighborhood Recognition Program to residents and neighbourhoods.	\$150,000
Cranbrook, Kimberley	Wildsight Kimberley-Cranbrook	Kimberley-Cranbrook Wildfire Data Monitoring Initiative	Create immediate employment and professional development opportunities while gathering data that will inform ongoing wildfire risk management; employ local youth as crew members in the Youth Climate Corps Program.	\$150,000
Fernie	City of Fernie	Fuel Management Fernie FireSmart	Create jobs by implementing fuel management to develop shaded interface fuel breaks, increasing public safety and improving suppression capabilities in the event of a wildfire; continue educating the community about wildfire risk reduction and FireSmart principles.	\$127,000
Grohman Creek	Grohman Creek Docking Society	Grohman Creek Community Emergency Plan	Reduce community wildfire risk by developing a community emergency plan consistent with FireSmart disciplines that identifies wildfire risks within and surrounding the community.	\$20,000

Harrop-Procter	Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative	Harrop-Procter Educational Wildfire Films	Raise awareness about wildfire risks and teach about wildfire prevention and mitigation by producing and distributing four educational films, creating jobs within the arts sector that including training and skills-building components.	\$40,000
Hills	Hills Emergency Services Society	Hills Wildfire Risk Reduction Project	Implement fuel management on Hills Community Park land and Crown land, recruit and train a local FireSmart representative and provide wildfire training for volunteers and new recruits.	\$77,000
Invermere	District of Invermere	Invermere Wildfire Resiliency Program	Build on FireSmart work started in 2020 by offering the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program, emphasizing public communication and outreach around all things FireSmart; offer wildfire-based training to Invermere Fire Rescue personnel; perform fuel management demonstration on municipal lands.	\$125,000
Kaslo	Kaslo and District Community Forest Society	Wildfire Risk Reduction Manual Crew Training	Train and employ local crews for projects related to wildfire risk reduction, providing necessary certification and skills so they can find future employment in a variety of wildland settings; implement treatment activities on a three-hectare parcel in the Kaslo Community Forest.	\$69,000
Kaslo	Kaslo Outdoor Recreation Trails Society	Kaslo Trails Wildfire Risk Reduction	Create jobs by treating wildfire fuel build-up along several sanctioned trails within the wildland urban interface.	\$79,000
Kaslo	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Kaslo Wildfire Risk Reduction Program	Contribute to community resiliency by reducing community wildfire risk adjacent to the Kaslo airstrip by implementing fuel treatment, creating an innovative education program, and engaging and recruiting community members.	\$53,000
Kenpésq̓t (Shuswap Indian Band)	Shuswap Indian Band	Shuswap Indian Band Wildfire Risk Reduction Project	Creates jobs for Shuswap Indian Band members and local forestry workers by implementing fuel treatment within a community interface area.	\$150,000

BACKGROUND

Nakusp	Nakusp and Area Bike Society	Mt. Abriel Fuel Mitigation	Create jobs by implementing fuel treatment on a parcel of the Mt. Abriel recreation area near Nakusp.	\$160,000
Wilmer	Wilmer Community Club	Wilmer FireSmart Fuel Management Prescription	Support community-identified FireSmart priorities, including increasing wildfire resiliency by developing a fuel management prescription to guide future work.	\$40,000
Yaqit ᑭᓐᓕᓄᓂᓐᓐᓐ (Tobacco Plains)	Tobacco Plains Indian Band	Tobacco Plains Wildfire Resiliency Program	Address fire protection concerns by creating leadership positions to provide fire response service to both the Band and Grasmere and recruiting volunteers from both communities.	\$150,000
TOTAL				\$1,696,000