

## **BACKGROUNDER**

## **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
East Kootenay	Regional District of East Kootenay	Interface Fire Prevention Officers	Extend two Interface Fire Prevention Officer positions in the East Kootenay to conduct education, do outreach and deliver the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program.	\$150,000
Cranbrook, South Country and area	Kootenay Livestock Association	Farm and Ranch Wildfire Resiliency	Reduce community wildfire risk by hiring two wildfire specialists to educate and support agriculture producers with wildfire planning, prevention and training.	\$98,380
Golden	Golden District Rod and Gun Club	Post-harvest Wildfire Risk Reduction	Develop a fuel management prescription and implement the treatment on 6.7 hectares (ha) of Crown land woodlot that is close to homes and assessed and rated as a fuel treatment priority.	\$50,000
Golden	Wildsight Regional	Golden Wildfire Resilience Demonstration	Implement a demonstration fuel treatment on 5 ha of municipal land including training youth crew members, monitoring fuel data and conducting public education activities.	\$110,000
Invermere	District of Invermere	Invermere Wildfire Resiliency Program	Extend the employment of a FireSmart Coordinator to educate citizens about FireSmart principles and improve community wildfire resiliency, and hire a contractor to complete a fuel management prescription for 9.13 ha.	\$97,380
Kimberley	City of Kimberley	Kimberley Hazardous Fuels Treatments	Implement the treatment of hazardous fuels on a 15 ha parcel of municipal land and provide public education throughout the project stages, including a field tour upon completion.	\$150,000
Kimberly	Wildsight Kimberley- Cranbrook	Kimberley Wildfire Resilience Demonstration Project	Implement a demonstration fuel treatment on up to 5 ha of crown land, including training youth crew members, monitoring fuel data and conducting public education activities.	\$100,000



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Nakusp	Village of Nakusp	Nakusp FireSmart Capacity Building 2022–2023	Create a FireSmart Coordinator position to provide FireSmart training and capacity-building activities.	\$68,225
Nelson	Corporation of the City of Nelson: Nelson Fire and Rescue Services	Nelson FireSmart 2022	Create a FireSmart Coordinator position to manage the FireSmart Program and contract a building materials professional to assess and recommend building products that are suitable for building in the wildland-urban interface development zone.	\$74,800
Wasa	Wasa District Lions Club	Wasa Lake FireSmart Demonstration	Create a FireSmart demonstration site on a 0.35-ha forested Crown lot to educate residents about reducing wildfire risk on their properties.	\$21,150
Yaq≀it ?a·knuqŧi'it	Yaq≀it ?a·knuqŧi'it	Yaqit ?a⋅knuqŧi ʻit Wildfire Resiliency	Extend two part-time Wildfire Response Coordinator positions to conduct FireSmart education and hold community events, coordinate wildfire prevention training, and oversee the Community Wildfire Resiliency Committee.	\$123,170
Ymir	Ymir Community Association	Ymir Wildfire Fuel Management	Implement a fuel treatment and conduct public education activities on two parcels of Crown land encompassing up to 11 and 1.4 ha respectively in a high wildfire-risk area with community infrastructure and recreational value.	\$125,000
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