

SMALL COMMUNITY WILDFIRE READINESS SUPPORT JANUARY 2026

The following projects have been approved under the Small Community Wildfire Readiness Support program, which helps small Basin and First Nations communities plan and prepare for wildfires through prevention and protection planning/assessments, training, and equipment.

Community	Organization	Fire Department	Description	Amount
Argenta	Argenta Safety and Preparedness Society	Argenta Safety and Preparedness Society	Attend the 2026 BC Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.	\$8,000
Balfour	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Balfour Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$60,000
Baynes Lake	Regional District of East Kootenay	Elk Valley and South Country Fire Departments	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$7,000
Beasley	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Beasley Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$25,000
Blewett	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Blewett Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$6,100
Burton	Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade	Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade	Complete training and purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$21,700
Canal Flats	Village of Canal Flats	Canal Flats Fire Rescue	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$70,000
Crescent Valley	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$17,100
Deer Park	Deer Park Recreation Society	Deer Park Recreation Society	Complete training, purchase personal protective equipment, and purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$72,200
Edgewood	Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society	Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$52,500
Elkford	District of Elkford	Elkford Fire and Rescue Department	Purchase personal protective equipment.	\$33,500
Elko	Regional District of East Kootenay	Elk Valley and South Country Fire Departments	Purchase personal protective equipment.	\$4,500

Fruitvale, Genelle, Montrose, Rossland and Warfield	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$412,700
Hosmer	Regional District of East Kootenay	Elk Valley and South Country Fire Departments	Purchase personal protective equipment.	\$4,500
Invermere	District of Invermere	Invermere Fire Rescue	Attend the 2026 BC Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.	\$23,100
Jaffray	Regional District of East Kootenay	Elk Valley and South Country Fire Departments	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$22,700
Kaslo	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$4,200
Lardeau	Lardeau Fire Prevention Association	Lardeau Fire Prevention Association	Complete training and attend the 2026 BC Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.	\$11,900
North Shore	Regional District of Central Kootenay	North Shore Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$46,100
Ootischenia	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Ootischenia Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$60,700
Passmore	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Passmore Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$31,900
Regional District of Central Kootenay	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Regional District Central Kootenay Fire Services	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$34,000
Robson	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Robson Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$55,900
Salmo	Village of Salmo	Salmo Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$56,300
Slocan	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Slocan Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$14,500
Tarrys	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Tarrys Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$29,400
Trout Lake	Trout Lake Community Club	Trout Lake Community Club	Complete training and purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$55,800

Winlaw	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Winlaw Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$13,900
Yahk	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Yahk Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$30,300
yaqan nuʔkiy	yaqan nuʔkiy – Lower Kootenay Band	yaqan nuʔkiy – Lower Kootenay Band	Purchase grab-and-go bags and wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$23,300
Yaʔit ʔa·knuqʔi 'it	Yaʔit ʔa·knuqʔi 'it – Tobacco Plains Band	Yaʔit ʔa·knuqʔi 'it – Tobacco Plains Band	Complete training and purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$55,200
Ymir	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Ymir Volunteer Fire Department	Purchase wildfire prevention and protection equipment.	\$28,100
TOTAL				\$1,392,100

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