

## COLUMBIA BASIN WILDFIRE RESILIENCY INITIATIVE MARCH 2026

The Columbia Basin Wildfire Resiliency Initiative helps communities across the Basin reduce wildfire risk by building local capacity in all seven FireSmart disciplines: education, vegetation management, planning, development, interagency cooperation, cross-training and emergency planning.

Community	Organization	Description	Amount
Appledale	Appledale Progressive Association	Create a wildfire-resilient demonstration garden at Appledale Community Hall to support community learning in the Slocan Valley.	\$39,000
East Arrow Park	Regional District Central Kootenay	Reduce fuels on 7.7 hectares of Crown land and establish a demonstration site for public education.	\$120,600
Casino	Casino Recreation Society	Reduce fuels on four hectares of community land and create a demonstration area residents can use to learn FireSmart practices.	\$115,000
Castlegar	Selkirk College	Treat two sites totalling 5.6 hectares on the Castlegar campus to serve as demonstration areas for students and the community.	\$200,000
Cranbrook	City of Cranbrook	Carry out prescribed burns in two municipal areas, including 60 hectares at Canadian Rockies International Airport and eight hectares southeast of the Gold Creek subdivision, to build internal capacity and support public education.	\$190,000
Columbia Shuswap Regional District Areas A & B	Columbia Shuswap Regional District	Pilot an expanded FireSmart home assessment and rebate program in Electoral Areas A and B to support wildfire resiliency for vulnerable residents.	\$182,400
Duhamel	Duhamel Watershed Society	Treat two Crown land sites totalling 10 hectares to create demonstration areas for community learning.	\$175,000
Gray Creek	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Reduce fuels on 10 hectares of Crown land near Gray Creek and establish a demonstration area for public education.	\$154,000
Harrop	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Treat 0.5 hectares near the Harrop Fire Hall and create a demonstration area for local education.	\$12,640
Harrop-Procter	Harrop-Procter Community Forest Cooperative	Reduce fuels on 10 hectares of Crown land and create a demonstration site for public education.	\$179,000
Invermere	District of Invermere	Develop fuel-management prescriptions for 56 hectares of municipal land, treat 17 hectares and deliver FireSmart community education.	\$200,000
Kimberley	City of Kimberley	Conduct a prescribed burn on 11 hectares of municipal land along Highway 95A to build internal capacity and support community education.	\$112,000
Lardeau Valley	Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	Build community capacity through collaborative meetings, educational outreach and wildfire chipping days that support local fuel-mitigation efforts.	\$34,700

Nakusp	Nakusp and Area Community Forest	Reduce fuels on nine hectares of Crown land and create a demonstration area for public education.	\$130,000
Nelson	City of Nelson	Treat 13 municipal sites totalling 6.3 hectares and create demonstration areas for resident education.	\$152,000
Pass Creek	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Reduce fuels on 3.3 hectares near the Pass Creek Fire Hall and establish a demonstration area for community education.	\$53,560
Regional District of Central Kootenay	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Provide farm and ranch FireSmart assessments.	\$14,700
Robson	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Treat two sites totalling 10 hectares north of Robson and west of the Mountain Ridge community.	\$153,400
Rosebery	Rosebery Community Association	Treat two sites totalling 10 hectares and create demonstration areas for public education.	\$170,100
Rossland	City of Rossland	Reduce fuels on 10 hectares of municipal land at Iron Horse Parkland and establish a demonstration area for public education.	\$197,000
Sparwood	District of Sparwood	Reduce fuels on 13 hectares of municipal land and create a demonstration site for public education.	\$93,000
Wynndel	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Implement fuel management on 8.4 hectares in Wynndel to create a demonstration site to promote community education.	\$130,600
yaqan nu?kiy	yaqan nu?kiy	Mitigate wildfire risk in home ignition zones in yaqan nu?kiy.	\$199,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,007,700</b>

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