

District of Barriere

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: October 6, 2025	File:
To: Council	From: Fire Chief
Re: UBCM FireSmart Community Funding and Support - 2026 FCFS Allocated-based Funding for FireSmart Activities	
Recommendation: THAT Council directs staff to prepare and submit an application to the 2026 UBCM Allocated - FireSmart Community Funding and Support Program for the amount of up to \$400,000 over a two year time period.	

Background: The Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) is a suite of funding streams and is intended to reduce the risk of wildfires and mitigate their impacts on BC communities. Funding is provided by BC Wildfire Services and is administered by UBCM.

Discussion: The District of Barriere has benefited from funding provided through UBCM FireSmart Community Funding and Support Program, which has supported the employment of a FireSmart Coordinator and associated wildfire risk reduction activities within the community. The current funding agreement will expire at the end of October 2025, resulting in the end of funding support for the FireSmart Coordinator position and associated FireSmart initiatives unless new funding is secured. UBCM is launching the intake for 2026 FireSmart Community Funding and Support applications as of October 1st, 2025, to enable communities to continue and expand wildfire risk reduction activities.

The funds for this grant cover 100% of all eligible activities and can include the following (but not limited to):

- FireSmart Coordinator
- Wildfire Mitigation Specialist OR Local FireSmart Representative
- FireSmart community incentives
- FireSmart Brochures, booklets and informational printing
- FireSmart Assessments
- Fire Mitigation
- The development and integration of FireSmart By-laws around development and open fire burning
- Website updates

The previous Grant application was for \$130,615.47. The District is eligible to apply for up to \$200,000 per year, for two years for a total of up to \$400,000.

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