

February 3, 2020

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager
City of Prince George
1100 Patricia Boulevard
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

RE: 2020 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports – Approval Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding – IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Ms. Soltis,

Thank you for submitting an application under the Community Resiliency Investment program for 2020 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports funding.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee and the BC FireSmart Committee recommended your project, *Prince George Wildfire Mitigation Actions 2020*, for funding. A grant in the amount of \$551,625.00 has now been approved.

As outlined in the Program & Application Guide, grant payments will be issued when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, we have the following requirements:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO or designate and returned to UBCM;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval in confidence until February 28, 2020;
- (3) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above named project and for the expenses itemized in your approved application;
- (4) All expenditures must meet eligibility requirements as defined in the Program & Application Guide;
- (5) All project activities must be completed within two years and no later than January 31, 2022;

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- (6) The Final Report Form is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of project end date and no later than March 2, 2022;
- (7) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date.
- (8) Projects that include the development or update of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan or a burn plan must use the templates identified in the Program & Application Guide.
- (9) Projects that include the development of a fuel management prescription must be consistent with BC Wildfire Service 2019 Fuel Management Prescription Guidance document.
- (10) Where applicable, projects that include fuel management activities on Provincial Crown land must meet the Forest Enhancement Society of BC contract tendering requirements.
- (11) A post-grant approval meeting with the local BCWS Wildfire Prevention Officer or FNESS Fuel Management Liaison/Specialist is required to be completed. Please contact Andrea Rainey, Wildfire Prevention Officer at the Prince George Fire Centre to schedule this meeting.
- (12) For projects that include a FireSmart rebate program, the requirements identified in Appendix 2 of the Program & Application Guide must be met.
- (13) For projects that include prescription/burn plan development and fuel management treatment for the same treatment unit(s), the completed prescription must be reviewed and supported by a BCWS Wildfire Prevention Officer or FNESS Fuel Management Liaison/Specialist, and the interim reporting requirements identified in Appendix 3 of the Program & Application Guide must be met, prior to initiation of the treatment.
- (14) FireSmart® and the FireSmart Logo are registered trademarks of Partners in Protection Association. To request permission to use the FireSmart BC logo, please email info@firesmartbc.ca.

Please review the attached FireSmart BC Information Sheet. It is expected that applicants will make use of available and free FireSmart resources and, for all in-school education activities, use education kits that are available from local Fire Centres.

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, and all interim, progress and/or final report materials will be made available to the provincial government.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee and BC FireSmart Committee, I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to reduce the risk and impact of wildfires in your community.

If you have any questions, please contact Local Government Program Services at 250 356-2947 or cri-swpi@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,



Peter Ronald
Program Officer

cc: Claire Watkins, Environmental Technician, City of Prince George
Andrea Rainey, Wildfire Prevention Officer, Prince George Fire Centre

Approval Agreement (to be signed by the CAO, band manager or designate)

I, Kathleen Soltis, have read and agree to the general Terms & Conditions and the requirements for funding under the 2020 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program.



Signature

February 13, 2020

Date

Please return a scanned copy of the signed Approval Agreement to cri-swpi@ubcm.ca

