FUNDING

WILDFIRE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Program links, what each fund covers, and who can apply

Funding programs

FNESS-ISC On-Reserve Wildfire Resiliency Program

Due December 1, 2026

Funds: Cultural and prescribed fire, FireSmart, and operational fuel treatment on reserve lands.

Eligible: All Bands and Treaty First Nations in BC and Tribal Councils supporting eligible on-reserve Nations.

fness.bc.ca/core-programs/mitigation

FireSmart Community Funding and Supports

Due December 31, 2026

Funds: Community FireSmart planning and activities, including Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans.

Eligible: All First Nations and local governments in BC. No community contribution required.

ubcm.ca/cri/firesmart-community-funding-supports

CEPF: Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction

Due November 20, 2026

Funds: Up to $150,000 to understand and reduce risks from natural hazards, including wildfire.

Eligible: All First Nations (Bands and Treaty First Nations) and local governments in BC.

ubcm.ca/cepf

FESBC Wildfire Risk Reduction and Fibre Utilization

Check current intake

Funds: Wildfire risk reduction planning and treatments, and residual fibre recovery on provincial Crown land.

Eligible: First Nations and First Nation-owned companies, among others. Written land manager support required.

fesbc.ca/funding-opportunities

First Nation Adapt Program (CIRNAC)

Year-round intake

Funds: Climate risk assessments, including wildfire, and small-scale adaptation actions up to $250,000.

Eligible: First Nation communities, Band councils, Tribal councils, and First Nation organizations.

rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca (search "First Nation Adapt")

Scan for full details and links

Access more information for each of the 5 phases and government resources here:

- Wildfire Timber Salvage - Key Information for First Nations Communities
- Ministry of Forests - Wildfire Timber Salvage Planning and Administration Guidance

Current as of November 2026. Confirm dates and eligibility with each funder before applying.

Need help applying? FNESS Wildfire Resiliency Advisors support Nations with project planning and applications: wildfireresiliency@fness.bc.ca or 250-377-7600. Current as of November 2026; confirm dates with each funder.