

2021/22 Alberta FireSmart Project Reporting

Each fiscal year, Wildfire Management Branch allocates budget under the provincial FireSmart program to conduct projects that educate the public, strengthen partnerships and help reduce the hazards and risks associated with wildfire.

Local Forest Area staff work with various stakeholders and partners to plan different initiatives which fall into one or more of the seven disciplines of FireSmart. Projects completed with this funding are restricted to implementation in the Forest Protection Area.

To learn more about Alberta's FireSmart Program visit <http://wildfire.alberta.ca/firesmart/default.aspx>.

Calgary Forest Area – \$60,000

- I. Bow Valley Vegetation and Wildfire Management Plan, *Planning*
 - Completion of planning that will guide hazard mitigation in the Bow Valley area;
- II. Evan-Thomas Vegetation and Wildfire Management Plan, *Planning*
 - Completion of planning that will guide hazard mitigation in the Evan-Thomas area;
- III. Education and Public Outreach Initiatives, *Education*
 - Ongoing initiatives aimed at education local Calgary Forest Area residents;
- IV. Prevention Signage Initiative, *Education*
 - Support on ongoing efforts to increase awareness of Firesmart and wildfire prevention principles.

Rocky Mountain House Forest Area – \$54,000

- I. Goldeye FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of fuel treatments in the area of Goldeye Lake;
- II. Crimson Lake, *Vegetation Management*
 - Maintenance of existing FireSmart treatment area at Crimson Lake.

Edson Forest Area – \$144,900

- I. Cadomin FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Landscape scale vegetation management work near the community of Cadomin;
- II. Coal Seam Fire FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Maintenance of existing FireSmart treatments near historic coal seam fires near communities of Robb and Cadomin;
- III. Local FireSmart education and awareness, *Education*
 - Ongoing community engagement in the Forest Area.

Whitecourt Forest Area – \$210,200

- I. Fox Creek FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of ongoing hazardous fuels treatment near the town of Fox Creek.

Slave Lake Forest Area – \$0

- I. No FireSmart budget spent during this fiscal year.

High Level Forest Area – \$144,500

- I. Rainbow Lake FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continued implementation of fuel treatment as per the Rainbow Lake Mitigation Strategy.

Lac La Biche Forest Area – \$126,000

- I. Conklin FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - A continuation from existing fuel management treatments in the Conklin area;
- II. Calling Lake FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - A continuation from existing fuel management treatments in the Calling Lake area.

Grande Prairie Forest Area – \$48,000

- I. FireSmart planning in the MD of Greenview, *Planning*
 - Completion of Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessments as well as updating Wildfire Preparedness Guides for the communities of Little Smokey, Sturgeon Heights, and Sandy Bay;
- II. Local FireSmart education and awareness, *Education*
 - Ongoing community engagement in the Forest Area;
- III. Updating of local FireSmart signage, *Education*
 - Support of ongoing efforts to increase awareness of FireSmart and wildfire prevention principles

Peace River Forest Area – \$38,000

- I. Little Buffalo FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Fuel treatments in the area of Little Buffalo aimed at reducing risk and impact of wildfire entering the community.

Fort McMurray Forest Area – \$10,800

- I. Local FireSmart education and awareness, *Education*
 - Ongoing community engagement in the Forest Area.

Edmonton FireSmart Unit – \$43,400

- I. FireSmart Resource Printing, *Education*
 - Printing of various FireSmart resources for communities and homeowners;
- II. FireSmart Graphic Design, *Education*
 - Graphic design required for updating existing and creating new FireSmart materials;
- III. FireSmart Budget Database Improvements
 - Budget required for improving the FireSmart Program’s budget tracking system.

Total FireSmart Spending for 2021/22 – \$879,800