



FIRESMART GRANT 2023 - 2025

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FIRE SERVICES

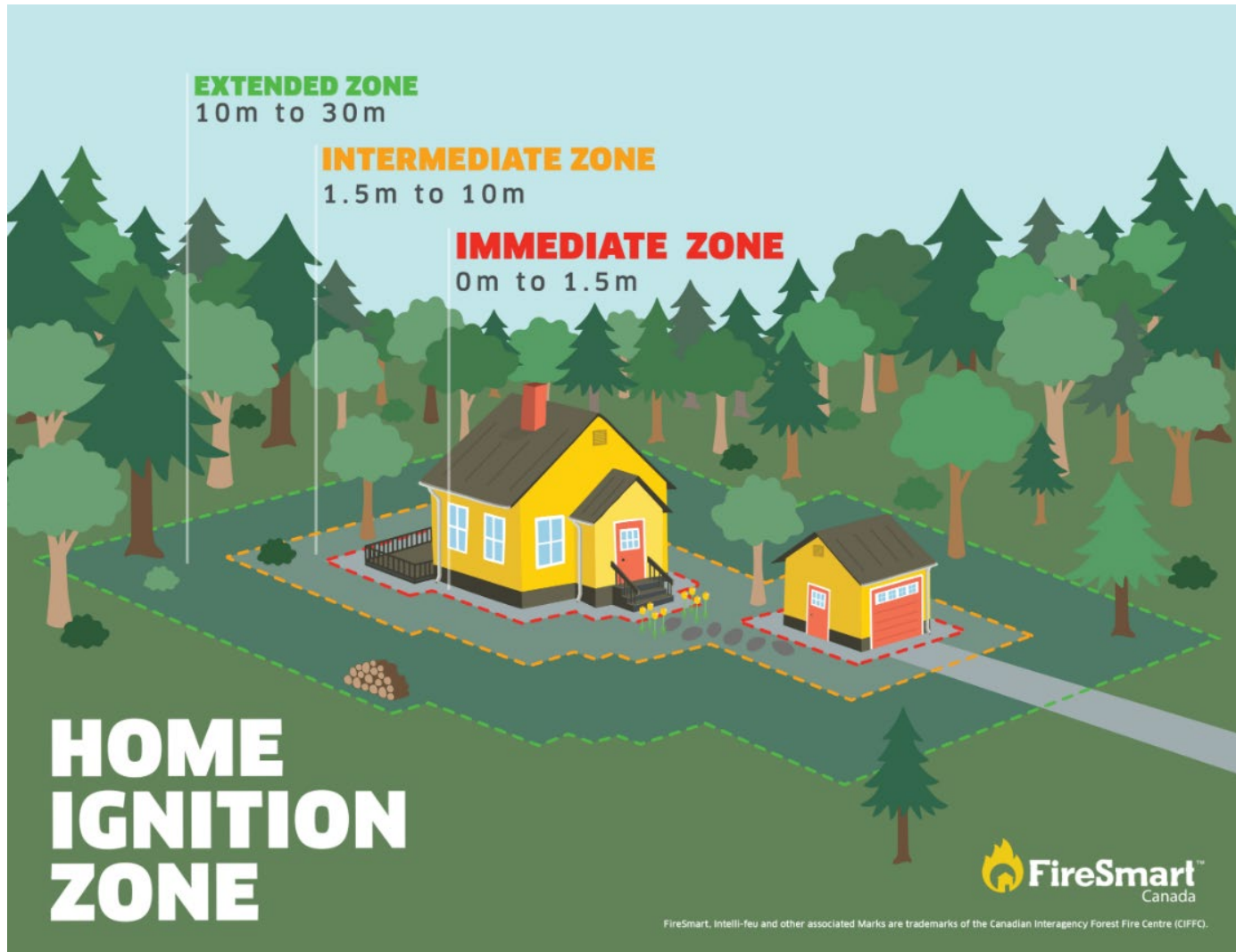
FIRE SMART GRANT APPLICATION

- January 2023 Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) opened applications for Expression of Interest (EOI) for FireSmart projects.
- Fire Services prepared an EOI application for the program and was successful to move to the next phase.
- A resolution of support for the application from County Council is required to move to the final phase.
- Grant funding request from FRIAA of \$200,000 for Firesmart public education program.

WHAT IS FIRESMART

- An education program for homeowners and businesses in rural areas to minimize risk from wildfire through active steps such as:
 - Fuel reduction in close proximity to structures
 - Landscaping guidelines
 - Fire resistive construction practices
 - Community Education partnerships
 - FireSmart home assessments

HOME IGNITION ZONE



GRANT OBJECTIVES

- Parkland County will complete 130+ FireSmart Home Assessments across Parkland County, with a goal to complete 30 assessments in year one and an additional 100 assessments in year two.
- 16 FireSmart Community Events (8 per year).
- 6 FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition Program Information Sessions (3 per year).
- 6 FireSmart Neighbourhood Awareness Workshops (3 per year).
- 6 FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion Workshops (3 per year).
- 9 FireSmart Neighbourhood Cleanup Events (3 in year one, and 3 new + 3 recurring events from year one in year two).
- Collaborate with FireSmart Alberta in the facilitation and delivery of two (2) FireSmart Advanced Home Assessor Training Workshops per year, for a total of four (4) workshops over the grant period.
- Collaborate with FireSmart Alberta in the facilitation and delivery of one (1) Local FireSmart Representative (LFR) Workshops per year, for a total of two workshops during the grant period.

PARKLAND COUNTY CONTRIBUTION

- Permanent Staff Time – Project Management, Administration, and Financial Reporting,
- Paid-On-Call Staff Time – Supporting public events and home assessments,
- Vehicle for use by FireSmart Coordinator,
- Community Hall Rental Costs for Public Events,
- Promotional Item and Advertising Costs for events,
- Professional development costs for the FireSmart Coordinator, including education programs and courses recommended by FireSmart Alberta and Wildfire Management Branch to enhance the skillset and capabilities of this individual to perform additional FireSmart Planning tasks.
- Support costs for the FireSmart Coordinator to participate in FireSmart Alberta research projects and learning opportunities provided by FireSmart Alberta.

- All expenditures are within Fire Services 2023 operating budget allocations.

PROPOSED MOTION

- That Administration be directed to submit to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) an application for grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the FireSmart program for Parkland County.

QUESTIONS