

Appendix 2 – Funding Requirements for FireSmart Rebate Program

Under the FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program, approved applicants can use grant funding to offer local rebate programs to residential property or home owners that complete eligible FireSmart activities on their properties in the FireSmart Home Ignition Zone which includes the home and surrounding yard area - Non-Combustible Zone and Priority Zones 1, 2 and 3.

To be eligible for funding, a rebate program must address the goals of FireSmart and follow the requirements outlined below.

Goals of FireSmart

The general goal of [FireSmart](#) is to encourage communities and citizens to adopt and conduct FireSmart practices to mitigate the negative impacts of wildfire to assets on public and private property.

Rebate Program Requirements

Approved applicants are required to adhere to the following requirements:

- Rebates are limited to 50% of the total cost of the eligible activities identified in Table 2 and no more than \$500 per property
- Areas of higher wildfire risk, such as neighbourhoods adjacent to the forested edge and/or areas that fall in an overall high to extreme category, should be prioritized for rebates. Current plans should be used to decide where to offer a FireSmart rebate program.
- The approved applicant must assess the FireSmart activities that are conducted by the residential property or home owner and review costs (e.g. receipts and/or proof of labour) before approving rebates

To qualify for a rebate:

- The residential property or home owner must have a [FireSmart Home Ignition Zone Assessment Score Card](#) of their property conducted by a qualified Local FireSmart Representative, that identifies the property in a moderate, high or extreme category (refer to Table 1 – Community Planning for funding eligibility)
- The qualified Local FireSmart Representatives must use the [FireSmart Assessment Work Hours Estimate Form](#) to outline mitigation recommendations to the residential property or home owner
- Residential property or home owners can complete the recommended mitigation activities themselves, or hire others to complete the work
- Only activities that are recommended in the completed assessment and that are identified in Table 2, are eligible for the rebate

Home or Structure		
1	Roof Material Gutters Vents and Openings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install UL/ASTM fire-rated roofing (metal, clay, asphalt shingles)• Install non-combustible gutters and/or gutter covers• Remove roof surface tree needles, debris or overhanging branches• Install closed eaves and/or non-combustible fire-rated vents or vents with 3 mm screening
2	Building Exterior or	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install ignition resistant (fibre cement board or log) or non-combustible (stucco, metal, brick/stone) exterior siding material

	Siding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair gaps, cracks or holes where embers could lodge or penetrate • Provide 15 cm non-combustible vertical ground-to-siding clearance
3	Windows & Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install tempered glass in all doors and windows • Replace single pane window glass with multi pane / thermal window glass • Repair gaps in doors / garage doors where embers could accumulate or penetrate
4	Balcony, deck, porch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install non-combustible or fire-rated, solid (no gaps or cracks) deck surface and support construction • Close up open deck structures or remove all combustibles below deck
Yard / Non-Combustible Zone (0 to 1.5 metres from Home)		
5	1.5 metres from furthest extent of home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace combustible surfaces with non-combustible surfaces • Remove combustible debris, materials, fences or plants
Yard / Zone 1 (1.5 to 10 metres from Home)		
6	Adjacent Combustibles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move woodpiles, building materials and all other combustibles into Zone 2 or enclose in an outbuilding that meets FireSmart guidelines
7	Outbuildings not meeting FireSmart guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate outbuildings not meeting FireSmart guidelines more than 10 metres from home or upgrade outbuildings to meet FireSmart guidelines
8	Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace (with deciduous) or remove coniferous (evergreen) species
9	Surface vegetation and combustible materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut and maintain grass to less than 10 cm or shorter • Replace flammable - continuous or tall growing plants with low flammability, low growing, discontinuous plants • Remove branches, logs and needles, leaves and debris accumulations
Yard / Zone 2 (10 to 30 metres from Home) and Zone 3 (30 to 100 metres from Home)		
<i>Note: Zone 3 should not be addressed until the building, Non-Combustible Zone, Zone 1 and Zone 2 have first been addressed. Consider seeking the guidance of a forest professional with wildland fire knowledge on appropriate management options for Zone 3.</i>		
10	Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thin coniferous trees or replace with deciduous tree species • Remove conifer tree branches within 2 metres of the ground
11	Surface Vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce surface vegetation – long grass and flammable shrubs • Reduce accumulations of branches, logs and debris