



FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion Grant Guidelines 2025

The goal of the FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion Grant is to provide funds to help Village of Nakusp FireSmart Neighbourhood Champions make their neighbourhood more resilient against wildfire. Champions can apply for a maximum of \$3,000 in grant funds to be compensated for their work completed in 2025.

Who Can Apply

Any neighbourhood champion within the Village of Nakusp who has received, or is pursuing, FireSmart Canada neighbourhood recognition program status. To apply, the Champion must already have an established FireSmart Neighbourhood Committee and have received a FireSmart Neighbourhood Assessment from a Village Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

Scope

- Each FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion is eligible to apply for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,000 in funds.
- This grant will reimburse funds to support Neighbourhood Champions undertaking activities for FireSmart Recognition. These include FireSmart activities, hours spent coordinating events, providing education and reimbursement for time spent completing and submitting application materials. Examples of eligible expenses are volunteer hours spent organizing or working at events, renting equipment such as wood chippers and tools or contracted labour.
- The grant cannot provide funds to purchase tools, goods, or food & beverages. Ex: purchase of a wood chipper, hand tools, fire suppression equipment, etc.
- The grant is a reimbursement, so work must be completed before applying. No payments for future planned events.

The Process

- FireSmart neighbourhood Champions are encouraged to work closely with their local Village Wildfire Mitigation Specialist while creating their application.
- Applications must include the Neighbourhood Champion Grant 2025 Application Form, [Volunteer Hours Tracking Forms](#), [Resource Tracking Forms](#), and any applicable receipts, as well as photos.
- Applications can be submitted to the Village of Nakusp FireSmart Program Coordinator via email at firesmart@nakusp.com
- The deadline for applications is October 31 annually.

Additional Information

- Work completed before 2025 will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- The hourly rate for this work is \$32.00/hour.
- The Village has a limited amount of funding for 2025 Neighbourhood Champion Grants. Depending on the number of applicants, grant monies will be divided and awarded based on the strength of the application and the actions taken. Precedent may be given to neighbourhoods already recognized through FireSmart Canada.
- FireSmart Committees will be required to provide proof of expenditures and volunteer hours.