

FireSmart BC – Local FireSmart Collective Program Info Sheet

Overview: FireSmart BC's: Local FireSmart Collective Program (LFCP) represents the next step in building community wildfire resilience. The program supports and recognizes groups of residents who take meaningful collective action to protect their shared spaces from wildfire.

Program Purpose: Wildfire is a risk that all British Columbians need to be prepared for. This program is built to meet the unique needs of collections of residents and reward their efforts.

Program Funding Source: This program is made possible through a partnership between BCAA and participating municipalities, which are supporting in delivering the program through Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program funded by the Province of British Columbia.

Timeline: Launched in Spring 2026 with an online platform that operates year around. The periods of activity are as follows: operational period of Mar-Oct and a reward application period of Nov-Feb.

Recipients: For areas of continuous land and structures where it makes sense for property owners within the City of Castlegar's municipal boundary to work together as a collective.

Rewards Structure: The LFCP introduces a four-tier system to track and celebrate progress. Each tier reflects increasing levels of community engagement and wildfire resilience, with financial incentives and recognition available along the way. (Tier 1 Participating \$500.00 and future Tiers TBD)

Process

Step 1: Review [The Local FireSmart Collective Program \(LFCP\) | FireSmart BC](#) program information on the FireSmart BC website and confirm that your neighbours would like to form a Collective.

Step 2: Elect a Collective Advocate (CA) to act as the primary contact to manage your Collective.

Step 3: Collective Advocate will contact Castlegar's FireSmart Coordinator at FireSmart@Castlegar.ca to book an in-person meeting, set up their LFCP online platform, and request an assessment.

Step 4: A Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will conduct a Local FireSmart Collective Assessment with you.

Step 5: Work together to develop specific goals on the online platform that create the Collective's personalized Action Plan for reducing wildfire risk.

Step 6: Complete the goals outlined in the Action Plan and track your progress on the online platform.

Step 7: Submit your online application on the platform for a tier reward (Nov-Feb).

For full information, please go to [The Local FireSmart Collective Program \(LFCP\) | FireSmart BC](#)