



## STAFF REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2026-04-09

From: Andrew Schellenberg, Emergency Management Coordinator

**Subject: 2026 CRI FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Grant for FireSmart Activities and Fuel Management Activities Endorsement Amendment Request**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board provide an amended endorsement to the 2026 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports, Allocation-based Funding stream, for FireSmart activities up to \$1,200,000 over two years and confirm that the FVRD will provide overall management of the grant if the application is approved.

### BACKGROUND

Staff sought an endorsement from the Board for the FireSmart grant in November 2025 and received Board support. At that time, staff presented a request to support a grant application for a one-year funding term and a maximum of \$600,000 for FireSmart Programming and up to \$100,000 for Fuel Management Activities.

### DISCUSSION

Recently, staff received a recommendation from UBCM encouraging that FVRD changes its application to a two-year funding request, which enables a maximum of \$1,200,000 over the two-year term for FireSmart Programming, inclusive of program wages. This opportunity provides a greater window of funding certainty to the FVRD and enables us to continue with our FireSmart service, and act on the soon-to-come recommendations from in-development Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.

In November, FVRD had applied and the Board had endorsed a fuel management project for up to \$100,000. In January 2026, the 2026 UBCM funding for Fuel Management activities for local governments was stopped, and therefore, the earlier endorsement for \$100,000 for a fuel management project is no longer necessary.

## **COST**

Staff will bring forward a future budget amendment to allocate grant funding for 2027.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommend proceeding with an endorsement to extend the 2026 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports, Allocation-based Funding stream, for FireSmart activities grant to a two-year term, which doubles the annual allotment and provides 24 months of certainty for the program and its stability.

Due to the discontinuation of 2026 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports, Application-based Funding stream, for Fuel Management activities grant, staff cannot continue with the previous recommendation and this is no longer required within the endorsement.