

Community Futures Wildfire Business Transition Program Business and Non-For-Profit Training

Introduction

The Wildfire Business Transition Program provides financial support for increased training needs of businesses and not-for-profits affected by the 2017 wild fire season.

Eligible Organizations

- For Profit Businesses and Enterprising Not-For-Profits are eligible.
- Organizations must have been in operation in a wildfire-affected community at the time of the wildfires (before July 7, 2017). See list of eligible communities on Page 4.
- The training must lead to ongoing sustainability of the organization.
- The organization must have less than 50 employees and a Net Profit of less than \$250,000 in the past 12 months.
- The organization must have been registered with BC Registry, Extra-Provincial Registry, BC Societies or have a CRA Business Number as of July 7th, 2017.

Training Support

Eligible organizations can apply for up to a maximum of \$10,000 in training support as follows:

- Up to \$2,500 per owner/manager for self-identified training and/or Business Coaching (including travel costs).
- Up to \$7,500 for self-identified employee training – not to exceed \$2,500 per employee (including travel costs).

Eligible Employer Training

Eligible Employer Training must meet the following requirements:

- Must be relevant to the current operations and ongoing needs of the business and the jobs available.
- Must result in skill development that is directly connected to management skills development and business sustainability.
- Training for Not-For-Profit employees and/or volunteers may be eligible where the training supports improved revenue generating and/or social enterprise activities.
- Training that has started and been paid for between October 23, 2017 and September 30, 2018 is eligible. Training must have an end date no later than Dec 31, 2018.
- Training dollars may be used to work with certified Business Coaches.
- Training for personal interest is not eligible.
- Training must be provided in BC except under exceptional circumstances where similar training is not available within BC.

Eligible Employee Training

Specific Employee Training must meet the following requirements:

- Must be relevant to the current operations and ongoing needs of the business and the jobs available.
- Must result in skills development that is directly connected to employment.
- Training for Not-For-Profit employees and/or volunteers may be eligible where the training supports improved revenue generating and/or social enterprise activities.
- Training that has started and been paid for between October 23, 2017 and September 30, 2018 is eligible. Training must have an end date no later than Dec 31, 2018.
- Training for personal interest is not eligible.
- Training must be provided in BC except under exceptional circumstances where similar training is not available within BC.

Eligible Training Costs

Eligible training costs include:

- Tuition Fees, Student Fees, Examination Fees
- Textbooks and other materials.
- Travel Costs — up to a maximum of \$1,500 per person

Travel costs are eligible if:

- The distance from the home/work community is more than 150 km one-way.
- There is no similar training available less than 150 Km one-way.

Application Process

There are 2 steps to the application and approval process:

1. Eligible Organization and Training Plan Application

This application will be used to:

- assess your organization's eligibility for the program
- outline the type of training activity required to help your organization move forward to economic stability

2. Training Request(s)

Once your organization and training plan have been approved, individual Training Requests are completed for each program/workshop.

Payment

Payment will be made directly to the organization applying for funding when:

- The organization and training plan have been approved
- Training request(s) have been approved and proof of registration submitted.

Audit

All applicable receipts must be retained and available for review upon request. Audits will be conducted randomly to ensure accountability.

How to Apply

Application forms are available at cfwildfire.ca

Contact your local Community Futures office or call 1-877-992-2322 for more information.

Eligible Communities

North Cariboo

Organizations operating in the Community Futures North Cariboo service region including:

- Baker Creek
- Barlow Creek
- Barkerville
- Bouchie Lake
- Cinema
- Dragon Lake
- Hixon
- Kersley
- McLeese Lake
- Nazko
- Quesnel
- Red Bluff
- Richbar
- Ten Mile Lake
- Wells

Cariboo- Chilcotin

Organizations operating in the Community Futures Cariboo-Chilcotin service region including:

- 100 Mile House
- 150 Mile House
- Alexis Creek
- Alkali Lake
- Anaham Lake
- Bella Coola
- Big Creek
- Big Lake
- Buffalo Creek
- Canim Lake
- Chilanko Forks
- Dog Creek
- Eagle Creek
- Firvale
- Forest Grove
- Hagensborg
- Hanceville
- Horsefly
- Kleena Kleene
- Lac La Hache
- Likely
- Lone Butte
- Nemiah Valley
- Nimpo Lake
- Red Stone
- Riske Creek
- Soda Creek
- Stone Reserve
- Tatla Lake
- Tatlayoko Lake
- Toosey
- Ulkatcho
- Williams Lak

Sun Country

Organizations operating in the Community Futures Sun Country service region including:

- 70 Mile House
- Alexandria
- Ashcroft
- Boothroyd
- Boston Bar
- Bralorne
- Bridge Lake
- Cache Creek
- Canyon Alpine
- Chapmans
- Chaumox
- Clinton
- Goldbridge
- Gun Lake
- Hells Gate
- Kanaka Bar
- Lillooet
- Logan Lake
- Lytton
- Marshall Lake
- North Bend
- Savona
- Spatsum
- Spuzzum
- Squeah
- Spences Bridge
- Tyaughton Lake
- Yale

Wells-Gray Provincial Park

Organizations operating in the wild-fire affected area of Community Futures Thompson Country including:

- Little Fort
- Clearwater
- Wells-Gray Provincial Park