

Forest Enhancement Society of BC

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Background

- On February 26, 2016, the B.C. Government announced the formation of the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) with initial funding of **\$85M**.
- The Government envisioned the Society becoming an efficient organization which would deliver cost-effective and impactful programs to improve B.C. communities' resilience to wildfire while improving forest fibre utilization, forest carbon management, forest conditions and wildlife habitats.
- In February, 2017, the B.C. Government announced additional grant funding of **\$150M** to the Society to be focused on forest carbon.

FESBC Constitution

- The purposes of the Society as laid out in its Constitution are:
 - A. To advance environmental and resource stewardship of B.C.'s forests by:
 - i. Preventing and mitigating the impact of wildfires
 - ii. Improving damaged or low value forests
 - iii. Improving habitat for wildlife
 - iv. Supporting the use of fibre from damaged and low value forests, and
 - v. Treating forests to improve the management of greenhouse gases.
 - B. To advocate for the environmental and resource stewardship of B.C. forests.

FESBC Board of Directors & Staff

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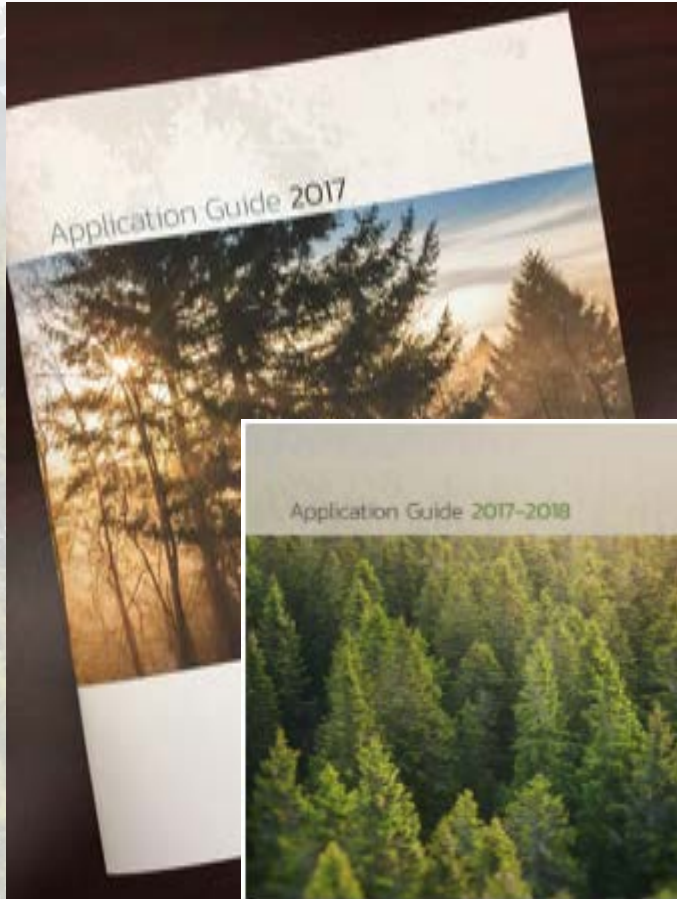
FESBC Partners

Recognizing these are evolving and not limited to the following:

- **FLNRORD** – Providing guidance, identifying priorities, and authorizations and consideration of legislative and policy changes, including coordinating with FCI and FFT.
- **BC Parks** – Similar role as FLNRORD.
- **Forest Licensees** – adjusting harvesting plans and some of the heavy lifting.
 - Responsible for their legal obligations
- **Local Governments** – Seeking funding and gaining public support.
- **First Nations** – Seeking funding and provide input through consultation.
- **Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)** – Co-funding agreement for the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI).
- **Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF)** – Similar to UBCM, using their technical and project approval process. Co-funded \$1 million in 2018 and \$480,000 in 2017.



Application Guide



The Application Guide outlines:

- Applicant Eligibility & How to Apply
- FESBC Roles & Responsibilities
- Project Selection Criteria
- Application Review and Assessment Process
- Project Delivery, Changes & Final Reporting
- Project Finances & Eligible Costs
- **Will be updated for next intake.**

Eligible Applicants

Currently:

- **Area based tenures holders - Community Forests, First Nation Woodland Licences, Woodlots, and Tree Farm Licences.**
- **Forest Licensees/forest tenure holders operating within a Timber Supply Area**
- **First Nations Governments (also in collaboration with SWPI, where applicable)**
- **Conservation organizations**
- **Local Governments - Municipalities and Regional Districts (in collaboration with SWPI)**
- **Provincial Government resource management agencies; primarily the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development**
- **Consultants performing or providing forestry services on behalf of government and/or industry**

Getting Started with Projects

TO BE CLEAR:

- FESBC is not the land manager. Planning and authorizations is government's responsibility. CFA holders manage their licence area.
- FESBC works closely with Provincial agencies who identify the highest priority areas for treatment.
- Highest priority projects will be those which meet multiple Society objectives..
- FLNRORD undertaking Integrated Investment Planning – critical to wise investment decisions.

Funding Considerations

- Crown Agency working under the direction in our mandate letter from the Minister and our Service Plan.
- Board Direction
 - Projects on Provincial Crown land only.
 - May set target spend levels by purpose.
- Land manager priorities, Integrated Investment Planning.
- Granting agency with finite funding, focus on treatments.
- Originally no hard timelines were set for spending.
- Forest Carbon Projects complete in next 4 years.
- Approving multi-year projects.

CFA Funding Expectations/Challenges

- FESBC recognizes limitations around available AAC.
- Wildland Urban Interface and Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI). Requirement to contribute profits to projects.
- Legal obligations and identifying eligible incremental costs.
- Social licence expectations and area base licence management.
 - Includes managing fire mitigation & safety of communities.
- Proponent/Licensee contributions.

Summary of Funds Allocated to Date by FESBC

| PURPOSE REGIONS | Wildfire Reduction /Mitigation | Improving Damaged or Low-Value Forests | Wildlife Habitat Improvement | Fibre Recovery | Forest Carbon Management | Total |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Cariboo | \$25,788,552 | \$20,596,353 | \$216,000 | \$1,937,319 | \$65,000,000 | \$113,538,224 |
| Thompson Okanagan | \$3,659,550 | \$1,900,012 | \$222,222 | \$416,400 | \$1,394,654 | \$7,592,838 |
| Kootenay Boundary | \$4,666,611 | \$23,000 | 0 | \$138,845 | 0 | \$4,828,456 |
| Skeena | \$1,034,962 | \$579,800 | 0 | 0 | \$463,566 | \$2,078,328 |
| Omineca | \$692,454 | \$110,584 | 0 | \$726,000 | \$332,602 | \$1,861,640 |
| Northeast | 0 | \$500,000 | \$529,300 | 0 | 0 | \$1,029,300 |
| South Coast | \$1,554,028 | \$114,000 | 0 | \$7,800 | \$7,001,020 | \$8,676,848 |
| West Coast | 0 | \$384,050 | 0 | 0 | \$300,894 | \$684,944 |
| Province Wide | \$144,350 | \$154,600 | 0 | 0 | \$22,565,270 | \$22,864,220 |
| TOTALS | \$37,540,507 | \$24,362,399 | \$967,522 | \$3,226,364 | \$97,058,006 | \$163,154,798 |

Funding Allocations for Community Forests

| FESBC Intake | Number of Projects | Total Allocated Funds |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Pre-November 2017 | 15 | \$3.4 million |
| November 2017 | 15 | \$4.8 million |

21 CFA's with Approved Projects

| CFA | Region | FESBC Purpose |
|------------------------|-----------|---|
| Burns Lake | Skeena | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Wetzin'kwa | Skeena | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Terrace | Skeena | Stand Rehab |
| Babine Lake | Skeena | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Little Praire | Northeast | Stand Rehab/Fibre Recovery |
| Esk'etemc First Nation | Cariboo | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| 100 Mile House | Cariboo | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Clinton | Cariboo | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Williams Lake | Cariboo | Wildfire Risk Reduction/Stand Rehab/Fibre Utilization |
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| CFA | Region | FESBC Purpose |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Slocan | Kootenay Boundary | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| West Boundary | Kootenay Boundary | Stand Rehab (Fire) |
| Harrop-Proctor | Kootenay Boundary | Wildfire Risk Reduction/Stand Rehab |
| West Boundary | Kootenay Boundary | Stand Rehab (Fire) |
| Kaslo and District | Kootenay Boundary | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Westbank First Nation | Thompson Okanagan | Wildfire Risk Reduction/Stand Rehab |
| Xaxli'p First Nation | Thompson Okanagan | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Logan Lake | Thompson Okanagan | Stand Rehab and Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Lower North Thompson | Thompson Okanagan | Carbon |
| Cheakamus | West Coast | Wildfire Risk Reduction |
| Cowichan Lake | South Coast | Carbon |

Some FESBC Projects will result in ...

Fuel management treatment to reduce wildfire risk, rehabilitate low value forests, restore cultural attributes and enhance wildlife habitat



Before



3 Years After

Williams Lake Community Forest— FESBC Funded Project



Landscape Level fuel reduction
treatment with fibre utilization.



Questions?



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