

Wildfire Capacity Funding Program

2026-2027



The AFFES Indigenous Relations Team is committed to **collaborating with First Nations, Tribal Councils, and Provincial Territorial Organizations** to fund culturally appropriate wildfire resilience strategies, including Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and fire stewardship.

Eligibility criteria

Five priority areas

 Prevention	 Mitigation
 Response	 Use of fire
 Traditional knowledge transfer	

Evaluation criteria

Alignment with program priorities and eligibility.	Positive and lasting community impact.
Plan and organizational capacity to execute.	Clear budget justification tied to activities.

Project ideas in scope

- Community education materials, youth programs & public awareness campaigns
- Traditional knowledge transfer and documentation support
- Gatherings for community land - use priority discussion and mitigation
- Training initiatives, interagency exercises and scenario-based planning
- Community-based After Action Review gatherings
- In-community values protection program development
- Exploring historic fire use & contemporary cultural burn pathways

Projects out of scope

Salary | Capital infrastructure

Large scale mitigation

Equipment purchases

Community wildfire protection plans

Application deadline:
June 30, 2026

Key dates

Program timeline

- 1 **Application deadline - June 30, 2026**
Submit application to AFFES.
- 2 **Decisions rendered - July 31, 2026**
Applicants will be notified of outcomes.
- 3 **Project deliverables due - Feb 28, 2027**
Expenditures must align with approved budget.
- 4 **Final report due & unused funds returned - March 31, 2027**

How to apply

- 1 Complete **AFFES Indigenous relations funding application form**
- 2 Have it signed by **person with delegation of financial authority**
- 3 Submit completed form to **affes.indigenousrelations@ontario.ca**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

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