

WildSafeBC Program and Grant Application Information 2021

WildSafeBC has been the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions. It has evolved out of the highly successful Bear Aware program and has been owned and delivered by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) since 1998.

In 2020, the WildSafeBC Program hired 25 Community Coordinators to deliver 29 Programs to over 150 communities, First Nations and regional districts throughout BC. We are inviting your community to apply for this valuable and effective program. This program would be of interest to communities that experience conflict with bears, deer, cougars, coyotes, wolves, rats, skunks, raccoons or other wildlife.

Communities apply in the month of January of every year with a minimum of \$4,000 in community funds in order to have a local Community Coordinator deliver the WildSafeBC Program. If their application is successful, and primary funding is secured, their contribution will be augmented by a funding grant to deliver a minimum 420 hour Program. Funding from the Columbia Basin Trust allows for a minimum 540 hour Program for programs in the Columbia Basin.

The WildSafeBC Community Program typically runs April/May to November and begins with training for new coordinators in May. Coordinators are hired as BCCF contract staff and are supervised and trained by provincial coordinators.

The WildSafeBC Program application process is competitive. More communities apply every year than the Program has primary funding. Applicants can strengthen their application in a number of ways:

- Providing more support to the coordinator with local in-kind resources (office space/phone)
- Completing the Bear Smart Community program criteria.
- Applying with increased matching funds either directly or with other partners.

To apply for this program, and potential funding grant, please complete the application form attached and email it bc@wildsafebc.com by **February 12th at noon**. Please complete and submit the form, even if you are not relying on a grant (fully self-funded). If you have questions regarding the form, need guidance on levels of required funding, or would like to determine a WildSafeBC Community Program budget, please contact us by email to set up a time.

Key Dates in 2021	Description
January 12 th	Application forms are sent out to prospective partners
February 12 th	Applications are due at noon PST – email to bc@wildsafebc.com
March 31 st	Community Program Applicants are notified
April 12 th	Typical start date for returning Community Programs
April 30 th	Community Program funding payments are due for the community's portion of their contribution
May 10 th – 13 th	WildSafeBC Training
May 17 th	New Coordinators begin working in their communities
November 30 th	Typical Program End Date

Thank you for your interest and support of WildSafeBC and our mission to keep wildlife wild and communities safe.

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WildSafeBC Program 2021

Community Program Application

To apply for this program, please review the WildSafeBC Program and Grant Application document and submit this application by **February 12th, 2021 at noon** by email to bc@wildsafebc.com.

Organization Information

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Name and Title: _____

Contact Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Community Information

Please list all of the communities and the approximate population that would be serviced by this program:

Community	Population (approximate)
Total Population Served:	

Funding Applicant Will Contribute in 2020

Please provide the amount of funding your organization will provide in 2020: __\$_____
(Please note that for a Coordinator position, the minimum contribution is \$4,000.)

In-Kind Support

Please check all items your community is able to provide to support the Program (check yes or no).

ITEM	YES	NO
Office space		
Office phone		
Printing/copying services		
Cell Phone		
Computer		

Other: _____

Bear Smart Community Progress

Please fill out the following form with regards to Bear Smart initiatives undertaken within your community. Consult the Province's Bear Smart guidelines at:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/conservation-officer-service/bearsmart_brchr.pdf

Provincial Bear Smart Community Program Criteria	Not started	In Progress	Completed
1. Prepare a bear hazard assessment of the community and surrounding area.			
2. Prepare a human-bear conflict management plan that is designed to address the bear hazards and land-use conflict identified in the previous step.			
3. Revise planning and decision-making documents to be consistent with the bear-human conflict management plan.			
4. Implement a continuing education program directed at all sectors of the community.			
5. Develop and maintain a bear-proof solid waste management system.			
6. Implement "Bear Smart" bylaws prohibiting the provision of food to bears as a result of intent, neglect, and irresponsible management of attractants.			

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

1. **The applicant acknowledges that submission of an application does not guarantee funding.** Should funding be awarded by BCCF to a successful applicant, it is only for the current year and does not guarantee success in subsequent years. BCCF is a non-profit organization and funding availability changes annually and therefore, so does the amount of funding allocations available.
2. The applicant agrees to all funding commitments made herein during the term of the program.
3. Upon acceptance partners will receive an invoice from BCCF for the balance indicated on your application, which will be due in 30 days of receipt.
4. The applicant acknowledges that funding is to be used towards the wages of a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator or as designated by BCCF.
5. WildSafeBC Community Coordinators are employees of BCCF.
6. The hiring, training, and supervision of WildSafeBC Community Coordinators are the responsibility of the BCCF.
7. The applicant agrees to work on completing some or all of the Bear Smart criteria.
8. A WildSafeBC final report for the 2021 program will be completed by the WildSafeBC Community Coordinators in the prescribed WildSafeBC format that will be made available to all interested parties.
9. The WildSafeBC Program is politically, socially, and culturally neutral with respect to wildlife management.
10. The base program is designed to run from May 1st, 2021 to November 30th, 2021. Returning coordinators may be able to start by April 12th, 2021.
11. Please note: Monies unspent during the program year will automatically be rolled over for use in subsequent years unless specified by our partner. Monies that are unspent and returned to the partner will be pro-rated based upon original contributions. Carried over funds will not be considered as part of the annual required contribution in subsequent years.

Upon program approval by BCCF, this signed application forms the contract between your community and the BCCF.

By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions of the application and I acknowledge that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Date: _____(dd/mm/yyyy)___ at _____(place).

Name: _____(Print), _____(signature).