



WildSafeBC Community Program Application Information 2022

WildSafeBC is 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 is managed and delivered by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF).

The WildSafeBC Community Program

In 2021, the WildSafeBC Program was delivered through 28 community programs to over 150 communities, First Nations and regional districts throughout BC. These local programs are led by a part-time community coordinator that is hired, trained and supervised by BCCF. These annual contracts typically run from April/May to November and include a minimum of 420 contract hours. Local coordinators are responsible for delivering the WildSafeBC Community Program by working closely with their community liaison(s) and local Conservation Officers. An annual report, summarizing the program's activities, is made available each year on our [website](#).

How the Program is Funded

The WildSafeBC Program currently applies for funding from the Provincial Government, Columbia Basin Trust and support by BCCF. The amount BCCF receives annually varies and is not guaranteed. Communities that apply for a WildSafeBC Community Program will automatically be considered for additional funding support if available and the amounts depend on a variety of criteria. Combined with community funds, the total program budget is used to pay for local program delivery including: coordinator salary and benefits, mileage and office expenses, toolkit education materials and program administration, coordinator training and supervision.

The WildSafeBC Community Program application process is competitive as BCCF receives more requests than funds available. Applicants can strengthen their application in a number of ways:

- Provide support to the local coordinator with local in-kind resources (office space/phone)
- Complete [Bear Smart Community](#) program criteria.
- Apply with increased funds either directly or with other partners.

Application Process

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 coordinator deliver the WildSafeBC Community 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.

To apply for this program, and potential funding grant, please complete the application form attached and email it to bc@wildsafebc.com by **February 1st 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.



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Key Dates in 2022	Description
January 3 rd	Application intake is open
February 1 st	Applications are due at noon PST – email to bc@wildsafebc.com
March 31 st	Community Program Applicants are notified
April 11 th	Typical start date for returning WildSafeBC Community Coordinators
April 30 th	Community Program funding payments are due for the community's portion of their contribution
May 9 th – 12 th	WildSafeBC New Community Coordinator Training
May 16 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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