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WildSafeBC Community Program Application 2023

To apply for this program, please review the WildSafeBC Community Program Application information document and submit this application by **January 31st, 2023** by email to programs@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:	

Applicant Funding Contribution*

Funder	Amount Confirmed	Tentative Amount**
Total Amount:		

*communities are required to contribute a minimum of \$4000 in order to apply for community program

** amounts that are tentative must be confirmed by March 31, 2023.



In-Kind Support

Please check all items your community is able to provide to support the Community Program.

ITEM	YES	NO
Office and/or storage space		
Office phone		
Printing/copying services		
Cell Phone		
Computer		
Material storage space		

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 Community criteria](#). With regards to implementing an education program, please indicate the years (e.g 2018, 2019, 2022 = 3) you had a WildSafeBC Community Program: _____

Provincial Bear Smart Community Program Criteria	Not started	Will start in 2023	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. Develop and maintain a bear-resistant solid waste management system.				
5. Implement "Bear Smart" bylaws prohibiting the provision of food to bears as a result of intent, neglect, and irresponsible management of attractants.				

*Please submit latest copies and/or examples with your application (e.g. Bear Hazard Assessment, wildlife attractant bylaw).



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Bear or Wildlife Working Groups

Human-wildlife conflicts cannot be addressed by one organization alone. Programs in reducing conflict with wildlife will be more effective when working with an engaged community. One of the ways this can be addressed is through the establishment of a bear and/or wildlife working group and/or committee. The composition of these working groups can vary by community but typically includes representation by local government, Conservation Office Service, local First Nations, community interest groups, waste management contractors, local RCMP, and WildSafeBC (if there is an existing program).

Please describe your community's recent efforts in establishing a working group and how often meetings have been held. Please limit your response to 250 words.



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Community Need and Support

Please describe your community's need for this program, how the program will be supported and what goals are you trying to achieve with regards to human-wildlife conflict reduction. Please limit your response to 500 words.

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 by March 31st, 2023, partners will receive an invoice from BCCF for the balance indicated on your application, which will be due by May 1st, 2023. Amounts listed as tentative will not be used to evaluate your application and must be confirmed by March 31st.
4. The applicant acknowledges that funding is to be used towards program delivery costs including the wages of a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator or as designated by BCCF.
5. The WildSafeBC Community Coordinators are employees of BCCF. The hiring, training, and supervision of WildSafeBC Community Coordinators are the responsibility of BCCF.
6. The applicant agrees to work on completing some or all of the Bear Smart Community criteria in order to qualify for additional funding support.
7. A WildSafeBC final report for the 2023 program will be completed by the WildSafeBC Community Coordinators in the prescribed WildSafeBC format that will be made publicly available on our [website](#).
8. The WildSafeBC Program is politically, socially, and culturally impartial and non-partisan with respect to wildlife management.
9. The program is designed to run from May to November 2023. Returning coordinators may be able to start by April 11th, 2023.
10. 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).