# WildSafeBC Community Program Application 2025

To apply for this program to be active in your community, **please review** **the** **information document** for this WildSafeBC Community Program Application and **submit** the completed application by **February 15th, 2025** either on the website submission page, orby email to [programs@wildsafebc.com](mailto:programs@wildsafebc.com).

## Organization Information

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Community Information

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

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| Community | Population (approximate) |
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| Total Population Served: |  |

## Applicant Funding Contribution\*

Communities are required to contribute a **minimum** of $6000 in order to apply for community program for the 2025 season. If community funds allocated fall below $6000 it is recommended that you seek external aid and grant funding to reach the minimum threshold.Contribution amounts that are tentative must be confirmed by March 31, 2025.

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| Funder | Confirmed Amount | Tentative Amount\*\* |
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| Total Amount: |  |  |

## In-Kind Support

Please check all optional items your community can provide to support the Community Program.

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| ITEM | YES | NO |
| Office space/office phone |  |  |
| Printing/copying services |  |  |
| Cell Phone |  |  |
| You *must* provide a location for toolkit storage. This may be either year-round (coordinator needs regular access), or just during the off-season through winter. | (Can you store the kit year-round, or only during the off season?) | × |

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](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/conservation-officer-service/bearsmart_brchr.pdf). *Note: The Province has an evaluator in place this 2025 season.*

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| **Provincial Bear Smart Community Program Criteria** | **Not started** | **Will start in 2025** | **In Progress** | **Completed\*** |
| 1. Prepare a bear hazard assessment of the community and surrounding area. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Prepare a human-bear conflict management plan that is designed to address the bear hazards and land-use conflict identified in the previous step. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Revise planning and decision-making documents to be consistent with the bear-human conflict management plan. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Develop and maintain a bear-resistant solid waste management system. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. 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).**

With regards to implementing an education program, please indicate the years (e.g. 2018, 2019, 2022) your community has had a WildSafeBC Community Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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 collaboratively with engaged community groups. One of the ways this can 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 from 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 participating in or establishing a working group and how often meetings have been held. Please limit your response to 250 words.

## Community Need and Support

Please describe your community’s need for this program, how it will be supported and what goals are you trying to achieve regarding 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 WildSafeBC programming for the season.** WildSafeBC programs require support from key community entities and if there is not enough support for the program within the community the effectiveness of the program can be hindered. Additionally, without sufficient funding amounts to form an enticing Community Coordinator position recruitment efforts can be less successful.
2. Applications to bring WildSafeBC programming to communities for the season includes the possibility of additional funding to be provided to the community applying. This funding is sought out, secured and managed by the BC Conservation Foundation and the WildSafeBC Provincial Team. **The applicant acknowledges that submission of an application does not guarantee supplemental funding.** Should funding be provided by the BC Conservation Foundation to a successful applicant, it is only for the current year and does not guarantee continuation of supplemental funding in subsequent years. The BC Conservation Foundation is a charitable, not-for-profit society and funding availability changes annually and therefore, so does the amount of supplemental funding allocations available.
3. The applicant agrees to all funding commitments made herein during the term of the program.
4. Upon acceptance of an application, you will receive an invoice from the BC Conservation Foundation for the balance indicated on your application, which will be **due by May 1st, 2025**. Amounts listed as tentative will not be used to evaluate your application and must be confirmed by **March 31st**.
5. The applicant acknowledges that funding is to be used towards program delivery costs including the wages of a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator and a portion of the wages of the Regional Coordinator or as designated by the BC Conservation Foundation.
6. The WildSafeBC Community Coordinators are employees of the BC Conservation Foundation. The **hiring, training, program activities and supervision of WildSafeBC Community Coordinators are the responsibility of the BC Conservation Foundation and the WildSafeBC Provincial Team.**
7. The applicant agrees to work on completing some or all of the Bear Smart Community criteria in order to qualify for additional funding support.
8. A WildSafeBC final report for the 2025 season will be completed by the WildSafeBC Community Coordinators in the prescribed WildSafeBC format that will be made publicly available on our [website](https://wildsafebc.com/resources/community-reports/).
9. The WildSafeBC Program is politically, socially, and culturally impartial and non-partisan with respect to wildlife management.
10. The program is designed to run from **May to the end of November 2025**. Returning coordinators may be able to start by mid April.
11. Funds unspent during the program year will automatically be rolled over for use in subsequent years unless specified by applicant at the start of the season. Funds that are unspent and returned to the applicant 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 the BC Conservation Foundation, this signed application forms the contract between your community and the BC Conservation Foundation.

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).