

“Bear Smart” Community Program Call For Applications

Deadline: May 23, 2008

Background

The “Bear Smart” Community program has been designed by the Ministry of Environment (the “Ministry”) in partnership with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation, The Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. It is a voluntary, preventative conservation measure that encourages communities, businesses and individuals to work together to address the root causes of bear-human conflicts, thereby reducing the risks to human safety and private property, as well as the number of bears that have to be destroyed each year.

This program is based on a series of criteria that communities must achieve in order to be recognized as being “Bear Smart”. For full details, check the “Bear Smart” Community Program web page at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/bearsmart/bearsmintro.html>

To help communities pursue “Bear Smart” Community status, the Ministry is issuing a limited call for applications for funding to municipal governments and local community conservation organizations. This call will be in partnership with the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, pending funding approval.

A Few Rules

- The maximum annual grant amount is \$10,000 per community.
- **A commitment of matching resources from the community is required.** The “Bear Smart” program is a cooperative venture and will require a clear commitment on the part of local government, businesses, organizations and individuals within the community to be successful. Matching resources can include in-kind contributions, funds and / or volunteer labour.

Time Frame for Grant

- **May 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009**

Eligible Activities

1. Preparation of a bear hazard assessment of the community and surrounding area.
2. Preparation of a bear/human conflict management plan that is designed to address the bear hazards and land-use conflicts identified in the previous step.
3. Implementation of a continuing education program, directed at all sectors of the community.
4. Development of a bear-proof municipal solid waste management system.

Application Evaluation:

Funding priority will be given to those communities that have demonstrated:

- a history of bear-human conflict.
 - briefly describe the history of bear-human conflict in your community;
- a commitment by the community to pursue "Bear Smart" status.
 - Is your community/municipality committed to achieving "Bear Smart" status?
 - If so, indicate what steps have been taken to date and submit a letter from the municipality indicating this commitment.
 - If not, briefly describe what steps will be taken to develop a community/municipal commitment to achieving "Bear Smart" status.
- matching community resources.

Please ensure that your proposal addresses the items above. If the review committee cannot determine this information based on the content of the proposal, funding may not be approved.

The application will also be evaluated on proposal quality and must contain enough detail to assess the merit of the project, including budget information that clearly indicates how the grant money will be used, the source of matching resource and where the matching resources will be applied.

Application Submission

- Applications **must include** the attached form.
- Applications **must be submitted by email** to the address below before **4:30 pm, May 23, 2008**.
- A review committee will evaluate applications from the perspective of funding priority and proposal completeness.
- Successful applicants will be advised as soon as possible.

SUBMIT APPLICATION BY May 23, 2008 TO:

Mike.Badry@gov.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 952-4641



Application Form for Bear Smart Community Program Funding 2008-2009

PROPONENT INFORMATION

Contact / Project Leader:	
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Municipality or Name of Community Group:	
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Address:			
	City	Prov	Postal Code

Email:			
Phone:		Fax:	

Please ensure the name and address listed above is for a legal entity as this information will be used to generate grant payments for successful applicants.

History of bear-human conflicts (attach a separate sheet if more space is required).

"Bear Smart" Community Status

Is your community/municipality committed to achieving "Bear Smart" status? Yes No

Please explain (include a verification letter if applicable and attach a separate sheet if more space is required).

PROJECT INFORMATION

Amount Requested (to a maximum of \$10,000): \$ _____

Proposed Activities (provide as much detail as possible; attach a separate sheet describing the activities if more space is needed):

Eligible Activities	Details of Proposed Activities	Amount Requested	Other Resources
Preparation of a bear hazard assessment of the community and surrounding area.			
Preparation of a bear/human conflict management plan that is designed to address the bear hazards and land-use conflicts identified in the previous step.			
Implementation of a continuing education program, directed at all sectors of the community			
Development of a bear-proof municipal solid waste management system.			

PROJECT BUDGET

	Amount Requested	Matching Resources*		Total
		In-kind / Volunteer Amounts	Cash	
Total Proposed Activities	\$			\$

* Describe source for Matching Resources below

DETAILS FOR MATCHING RESOURCES

Matching Resources	Details	In-kind / Volunteer Amounts	Cash	
			Requested	Confirmed
Municipal Government				
Provincial Government				
Local Community Organizations				
Local Businesses				
Other				

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____