

Discretionary Grants-in-Aid Application Form

Section A – Applicant/Organization Information

1. Registered Non-Profit Organization No.: S8351

2. Project Title: WildSafeBC Elk Valley

3. Applicant/Organization. Must be an eligible applicant.

a) Legal Name of Organization: British Columbia Conservation Foundation

b) Mailing Address: 1B - 1445 McGill Road

c) City: Kamloops

d) Postal Code: V2C 6K7

e) Main Contact for Application: Trina Radford

f) Telephone #: 250-828-2551

g) Email: tradford@bccf.com

4. Sponsored Organization. Only complete if applicable.

a) Legal Name of Organization:

b) Mailing Address:

c) City:

d) Postal Code:

e) Main Contact for Application:

f) Telephone #:

g) Email:

Section B – Grant Request

1. Enter the grant amount you are requesting from each electoral area.

Electoral Area A \$ 1,000.00

Electoral Area E \$ _____

Electoral Area B \$ 1,000.00

Electoral Area F \$ _____

Electoral Area C \$ _____

Electoral Area G \$ _____

Total Funding Request: \$ 2,000.00

Electoral Area Descriptions:

Area A: rural Elk Valley

Area B: South Country

Area C: rural Cranbrook, Moyie, Fort Steele, Bull River, Wardner

Area E: rural Kimberley, Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck

Area F: rural Canal Flats to rural Invermere

Area G: Wilmer to Spillimacheen

Office Use Only

EAAC Recommendations				Board Resolution	
A	<u>1,000</u>	E		Board Date:	
B	<u>500</u>	F		Resolution No:	
C		G		Approved/Denied (\$):	
Total EAAC Recommendation: <u>\$1,500</u>				Funding changes at Board from EAAC recommendation:	

2. Purpose of Grant.

Provide a clear description of the nature of the project and how the grant will be used.

WildSafeBC is a proven effective educational program adopted by communities throughout BC. Our goal is to keep wildlife wild and communities safe. The program uses innovation, education and cooperation to educate residents and visitors about the importance of managing wildlife attractants. The end result is fewer wildlife in the community, increased public safety, decreased potential for human-wildlife conflict, and a subsequent reduction in the number of bears destroyed.

Thanks to ongoing support and valuable community partnerships, the WildSafeBC Program is well received. The demand for the program continues to increase and is indicative of the program's success. In 2019, over 470 children participated in the WildSafe Ranger Program, 130 adults attended four wildlife awareness and bear spray workshops, and over 400 contacts were made at community events. A total of 124 posts reached more than 31 000 people on Facebook. A broad range of people were reached through twelve news articles in the Free Press, eighteen radio interviews between The Drive and Summit 107, and two interviews on CBC Daybreak. Attractant assessments were completed for over 100 properties and residents were educated about managing garbage and fruit trees in rural areas and communities. Full details of the delivery program are included in the 2019 Elk Valley and South Country WildSafeBC report which can be found here:

<https://wildsafebc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/WildSafeBC-Elk-Valley-and-South-Country-Annual-Report-2019.pdf>

In 2020, the WCC will continue door-to-door campaigns, garbage tagging, community presentations, and the WildSafe Ranger program.

3. Areas Benefitting.

List the specific areas that will benefit from the grant.

Grant funding for the WildSafeBC Elk Valley program would assist in the delivery of the program in Elkford, Sparwood and the surrounding rural Elk Valley, RDEK area A and Jaffray, Baynes Lake, Elko, Grassmere as well as the surrounding rural South Country, RDEK Area B.

4. Benefits.

Describe how the project will benefit the areas listed in section 3, including the residents of those areas, and how the project meets local needs.

WildSafeBC provides educational messaging within the Elk Valley and South Country areas that directly addresses the human-wildlife concerns of the community including unmanaged garbage, unmanaged fruit trees, livestock, increased volumes of visitors, increased use of recreational trails, and increased highway traffic. The program utilizes a diverse range of educational activities to keep both residents and visitors within the RDEK informed as well as supporting the efforts of the local Council, Conservation Officer Service and bylaws officers.

The Elk Valley and South Country is high quality grizzly bear habitat in close proximity to human developments. The storage of garbage outside between collection days, unmanaged fruit trees, livestock and human-wildlife encounters in recreational areas continue to be the root cause of human-wildlife conflict. As the area continues to grow and develop, so will the need for the WildSafeBC program as there will always be new people and wildlife sharing habitat.

As of October 29, there were just under 100 bear reports to the Conservation Officer Service (COS) this year in Elk Valley and South Country this year. Although this number of bear reports is above average, black and grizzly bear mortality has shown a decreasing trend since 2015 when 33 bears were destroyed in the EVSC. To date, six (two black and four grizzly) food conditioned and habituated bears have been destroyed this year.

Section C – Additional Information

To assist with the review of your grant request, it is recommended to include the following additional information to support your application:

- **Project Budget**
Provide a budget showing the total funding required and identify which budget items would be funded by the grant.
- **Funds Received from Other Sources**
Outline what efforts have been made to obtain additional funding and the amount of funding that has been secured.
- **Project Partners and Resources**
Identify any partners or resources which will be assisting you during this project.

Additional Information Attached: Y ☒ or N ☐

Up to six single-side pages or three double-side pages of additional information, including a cover, letter, may be attached to the application form.

Proposals may be submitted by hand delivery, mail, facsimile, or email to:

Attention: Corporate Services
Regional District of East Kootenay
19 – 24 Avenue South, Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8

Facsimile: 250-489-3498

Email: info@rdek.bc.ca

PROJECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 16, 2019 - November 30, 2019

1/20/2020

Elk Valley WildSafeBC

BC Conservation Foundation WildSafeBC Program

REVENUES

Ministry of Environment Grant Agreement	\$	7,110.48
CBT	\$	6,506.39
RDEK	\$	2,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$	2,000.00
District of Elkford	\$	500.00
Donation - Nupqu Development Corporation	\$	100.00
Teck - Safety	\$	300.00
BC Conservation Foundation - In Kind Toolkit	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$	19,516.87

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$	13,989.29
Allowances for house and phone usage	\$	544.00
Materials and Specialized project costs	\$	649.62
Tool kit	\$	1,000.00
Mileage	\$	1,250.10
Per diems	\$	14.00
GST	\$	1.17
BC Conservation Foundation Admin Fees	\$	2,068.69
TOTAL	\$	19,516.87

PROPOSED BUDGET
April 2020 - November 2020

Elk Valley WildafeBC

BC Conservation Foundation WildSafeBC Program

REVENUES

Ministry of Environment Grant Agreement	\$ 6,494.00
Columbia Basin Trust	\$ 6,438.00
Regional District of East Kootenay	\$ 2,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$ 2,000.00
District of Elkford	\$ 1,000.00
BC Conservation Foundation - In-kind Toolkit	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,932.00

EXPENSES

		<u>*RDEK</u>
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 13,499.09	\$ 1,785.72
Allowances for house storage, computer and phone usage	\$ 735.00	
Tool Kit Materials	\$ 1,000.00	
Materials and Supplies	\$ 200.00	
Specialised Project Costs and Project Publications	\$ 150.00	
Travel	\$ 1,300.00	
Per diems	\$ 50.00	
BC Conservation Foundation Admin Fees	\$ 1,997.91	214.29
TOTAL	\$ 18,932.00	2000

*RDEK funding used for employee wages