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Subject: Provincial Urban Deer Cost-Share (PUDOCS) program open for project proposals for 2021-2022

Good morning,

The BC Provincial Urban Deer Cost-Share (PUDOCS) program is now open for project proposals for 2021-2022. Applications will be accepted until **December 10, 2021**.

The process for proposals this year has been simplified with an application form. The PUDACS Program and Application Guide has also been updated. The application guide describes the program structure, criteria and schedule for the 2021 application year. Both of the application form and program application guide are located here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict/provincial-urban-deer-cost-share-program>

Background:

In some cities and towns, increasing deer numbers have become a safety concern. Aggressive deer have attacked people and pets, and vehicle accidents involving deer in urban areas are on the rise. Deer also attract potentially dangerous predators, like cougars. While the Province manages deer in the wild, and is currently reviewing its responsibility for population management activities in urban areas, to date urban deer are primarily managed by municipalities. Urban deer can be difficult to manage because some conventional wildlife management methods, such as hunting deer, are not appropriate.

Since 2016, the Province has made \$100,000 in cost-share funding available annually to help local governments and First Nations manage conflicts between humans and deer in urban areas. To be considered for funding, applicants submit a project proposal to the Provincial Urban Deer Cost-Share (PUDOCS) program. All materials provided by applicants that relate to the PUDOCS Program may be released to the public. The PUDOCS program is directed by the Provincial Urban Deer Advisory Committee (PUDAC). The PUDAC includes representatives from the Province, local governments, Union of BC Municipalities and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. PUDAC was created to support local governments dealing with urban deer issues

For further information and to apply, please contact Holger Bohm by e-mail at Holger.Bohm@gov.bc.ca. If there are questions regarding the application form, please email myself, Ainslie McLeod, at the BC Conservation Foundation for assistance. I can be reached by email at amcleod@bccf.com.

Thank-you,

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