



## Urban Deer Management Funding Applications Now Available

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The Province has been working with UBCM to develop a new urban deer cost management cost-sharing funding program. The Provincial Urban Deer Cost Share Program will help local governments or First Nations with funds to help address urban deer management challenges through operational or research projects. The program application is now available.

The Province will make up to \$100,000 (in total) available to local governments or First Nations through shared cost agreements in 2016/17. The Province will receive all project proposals and will be responsible for the final funding prioritizations and allocations.

In 2016/17 the Program is intended to support 'shovel ready' projects that are consistent with community-based planning processes.

The Provincial Urban Deer Cost-Share Program will fund priority projects that:

- address human-deer conflict in areas where the use of traditional deer management techniques (e.g. hunting) are not appropriate;
- are consistent with objectives that have been developed through a community-based planning process;
- have a resolution of support from the local government's council or board or Indian Band's/First Nation's chief and council;
- are compliant with all applicable laws and by-laws and adequately manage all human safety, environmental and animal welfare risks;
- are in accordance with a permit issued under the Wildlife Act (or any other statute);
- are technically sound and feasible;
- are scientifically rigorous (if a research project);
- commit to reporting; and,
- provide matching funds (from the local government or First Nation or any partners).

Applications should be received on or before November 22nd, 2016.

For further information please contact Jeff Morgan at the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

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