



Apply for Building Safe Communities (BSC)

Would your community be interested in working with the Federation to increase resident engagement through crime prevention and safety initiatives? If so, we want to hear from you!

Communities interested in the Building Safe Communities pilot are invited to send a letter of interest to our office. BSC facilitation will be offered by request.

Letters of interest can be emailed to bsc@calgarycommunities.com and **should** include:

- Information regarding crime and safety concerns in your community
- Outline the level of interest among community residents and board of directors
- Describe your current relationship with your Community Resource Officer (CRO) and your Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC)
- Outline the interest of other community partners (local businesses or not-for-profit organizations) if applicable
- Explain your community's ability to offer effective programs and services

Consultation with interested communities will take place shortly after we receive your submission. **Your letter of interest will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis and will be evaluated based on the information provided. Be thorough and offer us all the information you can!**

As this is a community led initiative, interested communities are required to have volunteers willing to participate. If selected, approximately 15 hours will be needed for facilitated meetings. More volunteer time will be necessary following facilitated meetings.

What is Building Safe Communities?

Building Safe Communities uses a community engagement approach to working with community associations and identified partners to provide Calgarians with the tools and resources to support resident-led strategies on crime prevention and safety.

The Building Safe Communities pilot has been launched in 17 communities since 2012. The Federation is working with these communities to develop resident-led strategies through identifying existing assets which aid crime prevention and safety, as well as challenges and opportunities. For more information on Building Safe Communities, please visit <http://calgarycommunities.com/our-services/building-safe-communities/>

Some exciting projects started through the Building Safe Communities pilot so far are:

- Walking School Busses
- Little libraries

- Block parties
- Take Back the Park
- Community Photo Wall
- Community Clean-ups
- Distribution of the “My Neighbour Card”
- How to Report Crime campaign
- Resource fairs
- And more!

Not Ready for Building Safe Communities?

NEW in April 2015 we are now offering a mini BSC process that requires less volunteer and resident commitment. Should your community association be interested in the mini BSC, please indicate on your letter of interest that you'd prefer the mini BSC process. The mini BSC process supports communities in identifying local crime and safety issues, brainstorming solutions to deal with the issues and, assists in creating a resident led plan to move forward with just with a shorter timeline.

Whether your community association is ready to participate in BSC or not, don't forget to check out the [Virtual Resource Centre](#) on the Federation's website. The Virtual Resource Centre contains over 100 resources on a variety of crime prevention, safety, community engagement topics.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the pilot, please contact:

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