



## 2020 Call for Resident Champions

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### How does it work?

[Building Resilient Neighbourhoods](#) and the City of Victoria's [Victoria Ready](#) initiative are offering the *Connect & Prepare* program to up to four select groups of neighbours living in a multi-unit building or complex. Each location/project site requires one or more “resident co-champions” to help us launch and deliver the program. This involves gathering neighbours for three workshops from February - May of 2020 about emergency preparedness, neighbour connections and resilience, as well as participating in an orientation session for resident champions on January 25, 2020.

### Here's what we'll need from you:

By filling out this application, you'll be letting us know that you would like to work with us and be a “co-champion” for the *Connect & Prepare* program on your street or in your multi-unit building or complex. Being a co-champion involves the following commitments:

- You'll identify at least one or two other neighbours who will commit to being “co-champions” for the program with you.
- You and/or one of your other co-champions will attend a fun and informal orientation session with us on **January 25** to learn more about the program and gather tools and resources to get started, and attend a fun wrap up evaluation session at the end of the program.
- You'll reach out to your building or property manager to engage their support for the program, and invite them to take part if they wish.
- You'll reach out to some or all of your neighbours in your building to invite them to participate in the *Connect & Prepare* program.
- You'll host three neighbour gatherings in your home or work with us and your neighbours to identify another suitable location for the gatherings between Feb-May 2020.
- With our support, you'll collaborate with your neighbours to develop activities or projects that enhance neighbour connections, resilience and preparedness.
- You'll share your experiences, provide feedback and engage in evaluation & learning activities about the program, to help us continue to improve it.

## What you and your neighbours will get:

In addition to strengthened connections with neighbours, fun gatherings, and becoming more prepared for emergencies, you'll receive the following support:

- An orientation session for site Champions, and helpful tools such as neighbour invitations and program materials to get you started and organize your gatherings.
- Three \$50 micro-grants to help cover refreshments and other costs for your neighbour gatherings.
- Professional workshop facilitators and resource people from Building Resilient Neighbourhoods and Victoria Ready to provide emergency preparedness and community building expertise.
- Program materials such as emergency preparedness checklists, discussion guides and a Street/Building Map and Inventory.
- A customized bin with up to \$500 worth of shared emergency supplies and equipment for you and your neighbours.
- Access to \$200 project grants to help with other projects or activities that you and your neighbours may wish to undertake together.

## INTERESTED in being a resident champion to help co-host?

Please contact Gayle Roberts, Property Manager by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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