“I received payment for half the cost of the fence, as well as guidance on how to design and install the fence, from Defenders of Wildlife. I might not have gone forward with the project without the cost assistance, and I doubt if the design would have been as effective without the technical assistance. There have been bears on the property, but they have not gotten into the yard to harass the chickens or partake of the vegetables.”

—KENNETH B., SEELEY LAKE, MONT.

“Since the inception of the program in 2010, Defenders has helped more than 175 property owners design and install bear-resistant electric fencing.”

—ERIN EDGE, DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, ROCKIES AND PLAINS REPRESENTATIVE, MISSOULA, MONT.

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Garbage, chicken coops, beehives, fruit trees and other sources of enticing odors can draw hungry and curious grizzlies and black bears to your property. Properly installed bear-resistant electric fencing is a simple and effective way to deter them. If you live in an eligible county, Defenders of Wildlife can help you design a barrier to keep bears out of things they shouldn’t get into and will reimburse you for 50 percent of the cost—up to $500.

**Defenders’ Electric Fencing Program**

Participating in the program is simple:

1. Check the lists of eligible counties and qualifying bear “attractants” (opposite). If you qualify, you must contact us before purchasing materials and/or installing your fence to confirm your place on our list for reimbursement. **Funding is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.**

2. Plan your project. Defenders can provide technical advice on design and materials specific to your project. Your fence requires a **0.70 joule (or greater) energizer** and must follow the general specifications listed in *Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Electric Fence Guide for Bears,* which is available at [http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/beBearAware/beBearAwareTools.html](http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/beBearAware/beBearAwareTools.html).

3. Once you complete your fence, submit the form (opposite) and required supporting documentation as far in advance of the end of the calendar year as possible to obtain your reimbursement. **(Funding will not be held past December 31.)**

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