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## PEACE REGION GRANT REQUIREMENTS & GUIDANCE

The FWCP funds projects in its Coastal, Columbia and Peace Regions that align with its regional Action Plans. Requirements and priorities for grant applicants vary by region. This document outlines the requirements and guidance for all Peace Region grant applicants.

### Contact us anytime to discuss your grant application

If you have any questions about your grant application for a proposed project, our Action Plans or regional requirements and guidance, please contact a regional manager. If you aren't sure who to talk to, contact our Business Coordinator, Lorraine Ens, at [lorraine.ens@bchydro.com](mailto:lorraine.ens@bchydro.com) or 604-528-8136.

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### Review our Peace Region Basin & Action Plans

Our Peace Region Action Plans identify priorities and actions eligible for an FWCP grant. Our Peace Basin Plan defines priorities for potential stewardship and education projects. This project type is unique to our Peace Region. Potential stewardship and education projects would have a high educational, volunteer, and/or community engagement component.

### Submit your mandatory Notice of Intent by September 9, 2019

If you are applying for a fish or wildlife grant in our Peace Region, you must submit a mandatory [Notice of Intent \(NOI\)](#) by Monday, September 9, 2019, by 5 p.m. PDT.

The NOI is an important part of our commitment to First Nations. It helps inform First Nations about your proposed project and is the basis for identifying opportunities for First Nations' perspectives and involvement in your project. The NOI helps our Peace Region Manager, Chelsea Coady, provide you with additional guidance before completing your grant application.

**Contact Chelsea Coady**, Peace Region Manager, to discuss your grant application anytime:  
[chelsea.coady@bchydro.com](mailto:chelsea.coady@bchydro.com) or 250-561-4884.

Start your Peace Region online grant application at [fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding](http://fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding), and follow the instructions to complete and submit your Notice of Intent.

### Follow our guidance for contacting First Nations

Your NOI will be reviewed by our First Nations Working Group and you will receive notice by email advising you to contact specific First Nations in our Peace Region to discuss your proposed project.

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1. We expect your initial contact with specific First Nations will occur well in advance of the grant application deadline (i.e. within one week of receiving written notice of the First Nations you have been directed to contact).
  2. Initial contact will be via email and include the following information clearly and concisely:
    - 1) map of project location;
    - 2) an overview of the project's expected objectives or research questions (one to two sentences);
    - 3) a summary paragraph outlining your proposed approach and timelines (three to four sentences); and
    - 4) your initial intentions for First Nations involvement in your project (two to three sentences).

When you hear back from your First Nations' contacts, use these points to guide your next discussion:

1. **First Nations priorities' and values:** Discuss specific priorities and values for the First Nations and identify how this information can be incorporated into the project scope.
2. **Community activity timelines:** Discuss the timelines of the project activities relative to traditional, cultural, or community activities, and how to ensure there is no conflict between activities.
3. **Traditional knowledge:** Discuss if there are opportunities to incorporate traditional and local knowledge into the project scope.
4. **Training opportunities:** Discuss and determine First Nations' training opportunities related to the project (e.g. electrofishing certification). Costs associated with First Nations' training can be included as a budget line item in the project application.
5. **Employment approach:** Discuss preferred approach to hiring First Nations' members who may be involved in the project and determine appropriate daily rates for First Nations (e.g. hiring members on an individual basis or hiring through the First Nation or a First Nation-owned company).
6. **Level of involvement:** FWCP encourages meaningful involvement of First Nations to strengthen and maintain relationships with First Nations. FWCP has defined four types of relationships or support by First Nations:
  - 1) **Financial or in-kind support** – A First Nation contributes funds or in-kind services that increase the total value of the project;
  - 2) **Support in principle** – A First Nation provides a letter of support for the project but is not directly involved in the project;
  - 3) **Working relationship** – Budgeted involvement in the project (e.g. First Nations' technicians employed through the project).
  - 4) **Project development support** – A First Nation contributes to project development and implementation.

When completing your online grant application, you will be required to indicate the level of First Nation involvement in your project.

## Follow our guidance for Arctic Grayling projects

The FWCP funds Arctic Grayling projects that align with our 2017 Arctic Grayling [synthesis report](#) and [monitoring framework](#). These documents identify high-priority information gaps and monitoring needs

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related to Arctic Grayling. These monitoring needs must be undertaken prior to funding on-the-ground conservation and enhancement projects, and include:

1. acquiring population data;
2. identifying critical habitats; and
3. assessing potential limiting factors.

Grant applications for projects to conserve and enhance Arctic Grayling in our Peace Region must align with our [Streams Action Plan](#) (Actions 1b-3 and 1b-4), and the monitoring needs in the synthesis report and monitoring framework.

### **NEW Follow our guidance for Bull Trout projects**

The FWCP funds Bull Trout projects that align with our [2019 Bull Trout information synthesis and monitoring framework report](#). The synthesis identifies Bull Trout biology and limiting factors, potential enhancement opportunities, conservation status and risks, and critical habitats across the FWCP's Peace Region. The monitoring framework provides a recommended sequence of monitoring actions (i.e. priorities) based on data gaps to guide FWCP proponents in developing studies focussed on key monitoring data requirements to enable effective conservation and enhancement actions. Monitoring actions identified in the [synthesis report and monitoring framework](#) focus on:

1. population data indicating conservation status and risk;
2. information delineating critical habitats;
3. information indicating potential limiting factors; and
4. information about the effectiveness of enhancements.

Grant applications for projects to conserve and enhance Bull Trout in our Peace Region must align with our [Streams Action Plan](#) (Actions 1c-2, 1c-3 and 1c-4), and the monitoring needs in the information synthesis and monitoring framework report.

### **NEW Follow our guidance for wetland and riparian area projects**

Draft Predictive Riparian and Wetland Habitat Mapping is now available to support grant applications for proposed projects to create, restore or enhance and riparian and wetland habitats.

A recent project funded by FWCP and led by Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, resulted in a draft [predictive wetland riparian habitat model](#) that identifies wetland and riparian habitats across the ~ 70,000 km<sup>2</sup> FWCP Peace Region. The draft predictive model, associated spatial files, and final report are available [online](#) and support priority actions *1a-1* and *1b-1* of the [FWCP Peace Riparian and Wetlands](#) Action Plan.

If your grant application is about creating, restoring or enhancing riparian or wetland habitat, please review the draft model and mapping products to support scoping your proposed project and align your proposed project with one or more priority actions in our [FWCP Peace Region Riparian and Wetlands](#) Action Plan:

#### ***Priority Action 2a-2 - Install water control structures to regulate water levels in existing wetlands***

- Examples of previous FWCP-funded projects to enhance wetlands that align with this priority action include [Hengeveld and Corbould 1998](#) and [Clark 2000](#).

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**Priority action 2b-1 - Leverage Water Licence Requirements trial wetland program to create habitat**

- Projects to create or enhance riparian and/or wetland habitat would be eligible under this Priority Action. The wetland creation project sponsored by BC Hydro Water Use Planning conducted in the Parsnip sub-region ([Golder Associates 2010](#)) includes recommendations to create new wetland and riparian habitat (e.g. Sites 15 and 16: unnamed) and enhance existing wetland and riparian habitats (e.g. Site 6-2 Airport Lagoon) within the FWCP's Peace Region.

**Priority Action 2b-2 - Install artificial nesting or roost structures for wildlife species**

- Examples of previous FWCP-funded projects to enhance wetlands that align with this priority action can be found in [Ecofor 2015](#).

**Priority Action 3a-1 - Help protect riparian and wetland ecosystems from invasive plants**

- This action could be a component of a larger enhancement project. Partnering with local invasive plant committees is encouraged to support prioritizing areas for restoration/enhancement.

Please contact the FWCP Peace Region Manager [Chelsea.Coady@bchydro.com](mailto:Chelsea.Coady@bchydro.com) for more information related to this guidance or the Draft Predictive Riparian and Wetland Habitat Mapping products available.

Please note that we are planning on updating our Action Plans in 2020, so riparian and wetland priorities will be further refined at that time

## **Follow our guidance for fish passage restoration projects**

The Peace Region Board acknowledges that fish passage restoration projects are a significant investment, therefore, the Board encourages grant applications for restoration projects where an initial investment (e.g. initial planning and assessment phases) has occurred and/or where investment by others is demonstrated.

Grant applications for fish passage restoration projects should consider and demonstrate the following:

1. demonstrate your project follows the four-phased approach outlined in the provincial [Fish Passage Strategic Approach: Protocol for Prioritizing Sites for Fish Passage Remediation](#);
2. demonstrate that the stream crossing(s) you would restore through your project does not have current ownership and is "orphaned." *Note: This does not exclude opportunities for FWCP investment in a project to remediate a length of stream with crossings that have orphaned status, and other crossings that have current ownership. In this scenario, other funding would be required for the restoration for the currently- owned crossings (i.e. FWCP funds will not be approved for crossings that are currently owned);*
3. demonstrate partnerships and participation with stakeholders, the provincial Fish Passage Technical Working Group, and First Nations;
4. demonstrate leveraged funding to increase the value of the FWCP investment (i.e. other in-kind and cash contributions);
5. demonstrate the quantity and value of the habitat that will be gained by the project and the species that will benefit (e.g. X kms, for which species, and the type of habitat available above the obstruction). *Note: The Fish Passage Technical Working Group should be contacted to determine access to the province's GIS modeling approach to assess fish habitat;*

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6. identify the priority for fish passage restoration within the proposed location (e.g. species of interest presence, overall benefit to the watershed, etc.); and
  7. consider lower cost options to improve fish passage (e.g. implementing baffles to backwater culverts) in lieu of implementing culvert replacement projects if supported by the Fish Passage Technical Working Group.

### **NEW Review relevant project reports and outcomes**

Before developing your grant application, review our project report list for relevant work already completed. If there is a relevant project report, consider how, or if the work you propose in your grant application will build on past work. The FWCP has posted more than 500 final reports on provincial databases, making our project results and data available to anyone. A searchable spreadsheet for all Coastal Region final project reports is available at <http://fwcp.ca/results/>.

### **Letters of support are optional**

Letters of support for your project are optional in our Peace Region but can be used to strengthen your grant application. If you choose to submit letters of support along with your grant application, please ensure the letter author(s) clearly indicate their support for your proposed project and specify their involvement (i.e., actively involved or engaged in project planning and/or delivery; providing in-kind and/or cash support; supports the project in principle).

### **Projects must occur within, or relate to, our Peace Region**

We fund projects to be delivered within the boundaries of our [Peace Region](#). We may fund projects that only partially overlap with our region boundary if the project is related to a species that moves across the regional boundary (e.g. caribou herds). Additionally, projects with a strong community engagement or stewardship and education focus could have some, but not all, project components outside of our regional boundary. These projects must still demonstrate they are addressing a priority action in a Peace Region Action Plan.