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## COLUMBIA 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 Columbia 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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### **NEW** Align grant applications with our updated 2019 Action Plans

Updated 2019 [Columbia Region Action Plans](#) are now available. Our 2019 Action Plans define the Priority Actions eligible for FWCP funding. Anyone applying for an FWCP grant must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project aligns with Priority Actions identified in our updated 2019 Action Plans.

Our 2012 Columbia Region Action Plans have been archived for reference only and no longer provide current guidance on our priorities or projects eligible for an FWCP grant. Do not refer to our archived 2012 Action Plans when developing your project idea and submitting a grant application.

### North Columbia projects are a priority

The FWCP's Columbia Region Board is encouraging grant applications for proposed projects to be delivered within the northern portion of the FWCP's Columbia Region (i.e. North Columbia sub-region), which is bordered by Revelstoke and Golden in the south, and Valemount in the north. See [Columbia Region map](#). Proposed projects in this sub-region must align with priorities in updated 2019 Columbia Region Action Plans.

### Follow our guidance for fisheries projects in our Columbia Region

Our [Columbia Region Annual Ongoing Fisheries Program Five Year Plan 2019-2024](#), which details our delivery approach for directed fisheries priorities/projects, is now available. Please refer to this plan if you are considering a grant application for a fisheries project. Note: directed projects are not eligible for funding through our annual grant intake.

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## **NEW Follow our guidance for contacting First Nations**

The FWCP is committed to strengthening and evolving its partnership with First Nations and encourages grant applicants to engage with the appropriate First Nations about proposed projects prior to submitting a grant application.

Early engagement with First Nations can help identify options for project support or direct involvement, including:

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Indigenous knowledge:** Discuss if there are opportunities to incorporate Indigenous knowledge into the project scope.
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).

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## **NEW Review relevant projects 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 Columbia 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 Columbia 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).

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## **Projects must be within our Columbia Region**

We fund projects to be delivered within the boundaries of our [Columbia Region](#), which includes the Canadian portion of the Columbia River Basin, plus our wildlife extension area (northwest of Valemount). The Canadian portion of the Flathead River Basin is not part of our Columbia Region.