



Columbia Region: Optional Notice of Intent Information Session

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Today's discussion

1. FWCP overview
2. Strengthening engagement of First Nations
3. First Nations Working Group
4. Why a notice of intent (NOI)?
5. Communicating with First Nations
6. NOI submission form
7. Information resources



Introduction to FWCP

The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and Public Stakeholders, to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

BC Hydro fulfills water licence and voluntary commitments through the FWCP. The FWCP is funded by BC Hydro.



Fisheries and Oceans
Canada



FWCP's vision & mission

FWCP Vision

Thriving fish and wildlife populations in watersheds that are functioning and sustainable.

FWCP Mission

The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program compensates for fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams.

fwcp.ca/our-story



~\$6.1 million and 40 projects



Coastal Region projects

30 Projects:
18 fish and 12 wildlife
\$2.2 million (approx.)

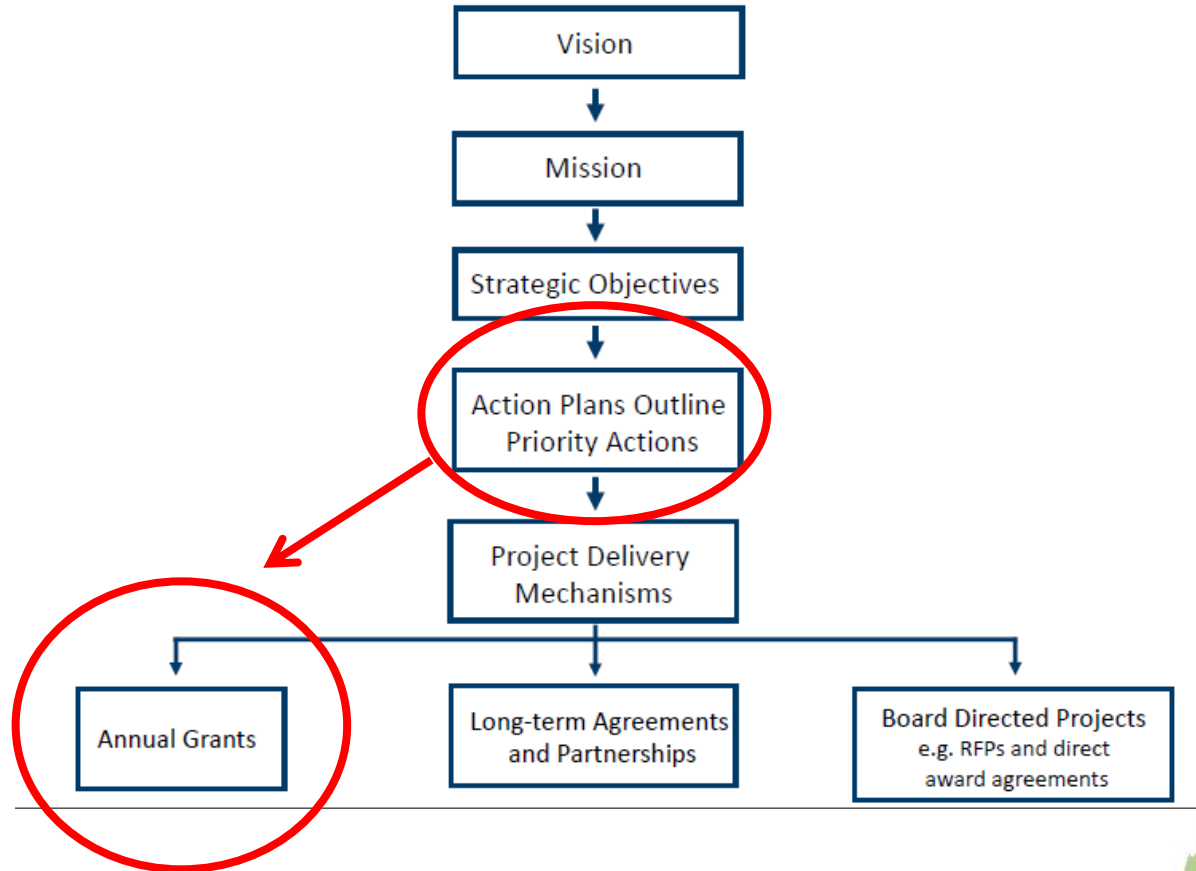
Columbia Region projects

40 Projects:
10 fish and 30 wildlife
\$6.1 million (approx.)

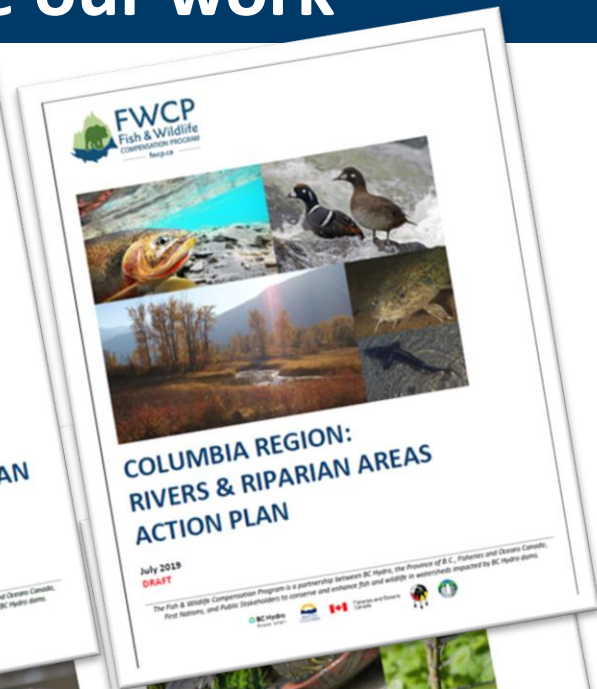
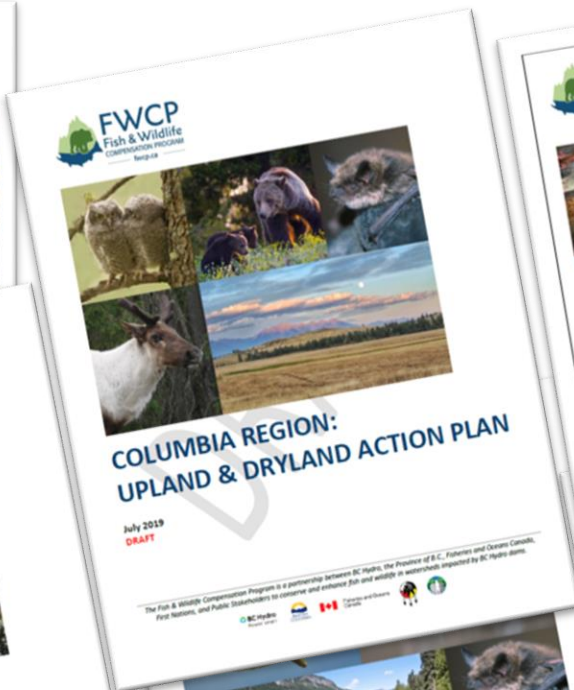
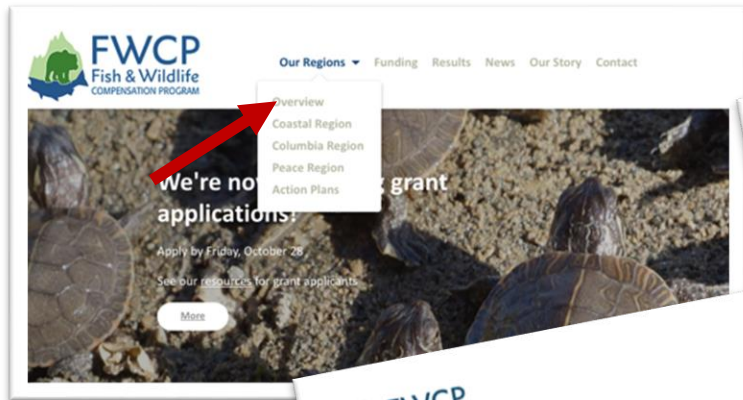
Peace Region Projects

25 Projects:
9 fish and 16 wildlife
\$1.4 million (approx.)

How we work



Action plans define priorities & guide our work

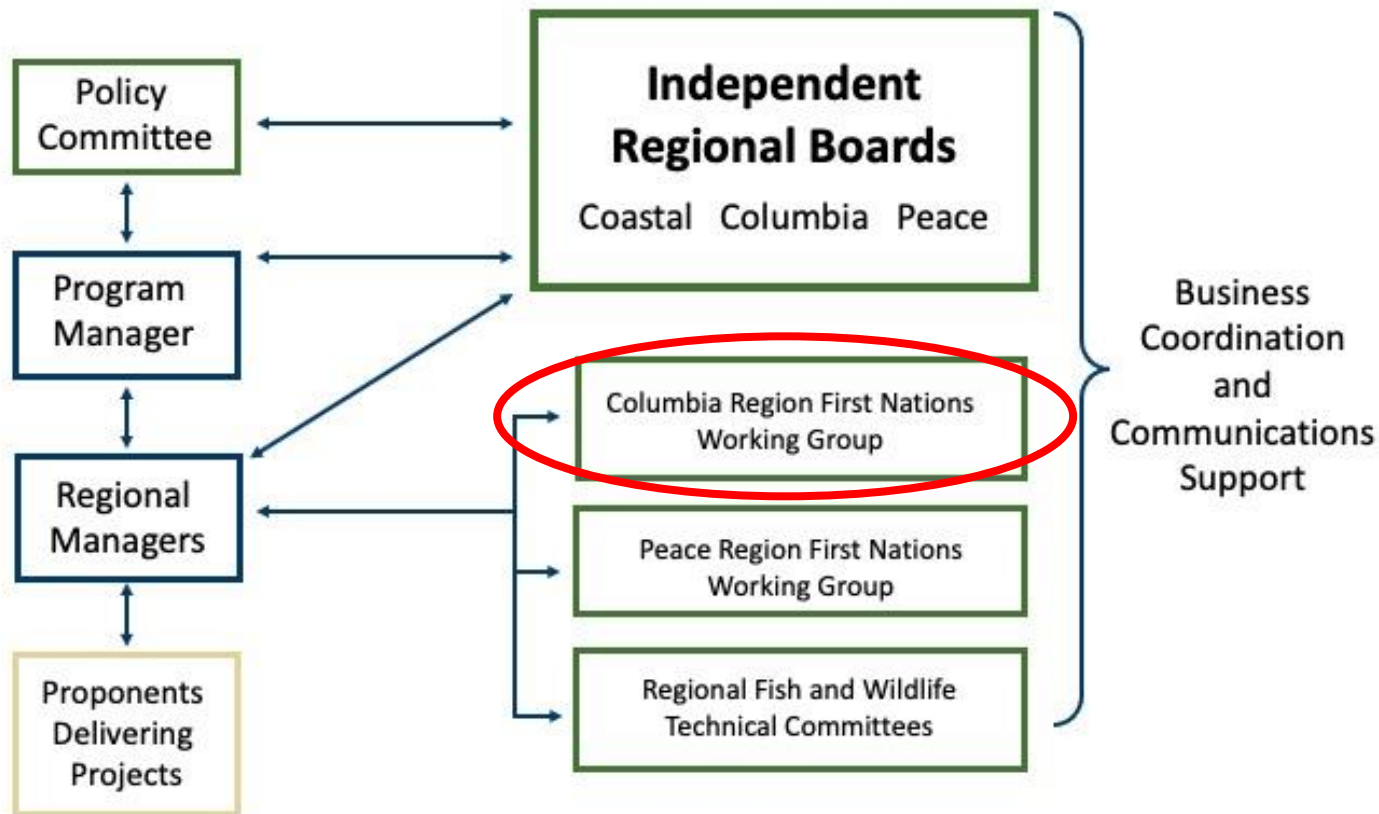


Strengthening First Nations engagement

Vision (where we want to get to in the long-term)

First Nations in the FWCP's Columbia Region increase their opportunities to act in their **traditional role of caretakers of the land by strengthening their engagement** in the FWCP's **leadership, decision-making** (i.e., governance), **project planning, and delivery based** on a three-Nation, one river, **one watershed approach**.

First Nations Working Group



Why a notice of intent (NOI)?

- The NOI is an important part of our commitment to First Nations.
- It helps inform First Nations about your proposed project.
- It is the basis for identifying opportunities for First Nations' perspectives and engagement in your project.
- For more information: <https://fwcp.ca/columbia-region-notice-of-intent/>

Engaging First Nations: Discussion outline

1. First Nations priorities and values
2. Community timelines and protocols
3. Indigenous knowledge
4. Training opportunities
5. Employment opportunities
6. Sharing project results
7. Type of relationship



Engaging First Nations: Type of relationship

Four potential types of relationships with First Nations:

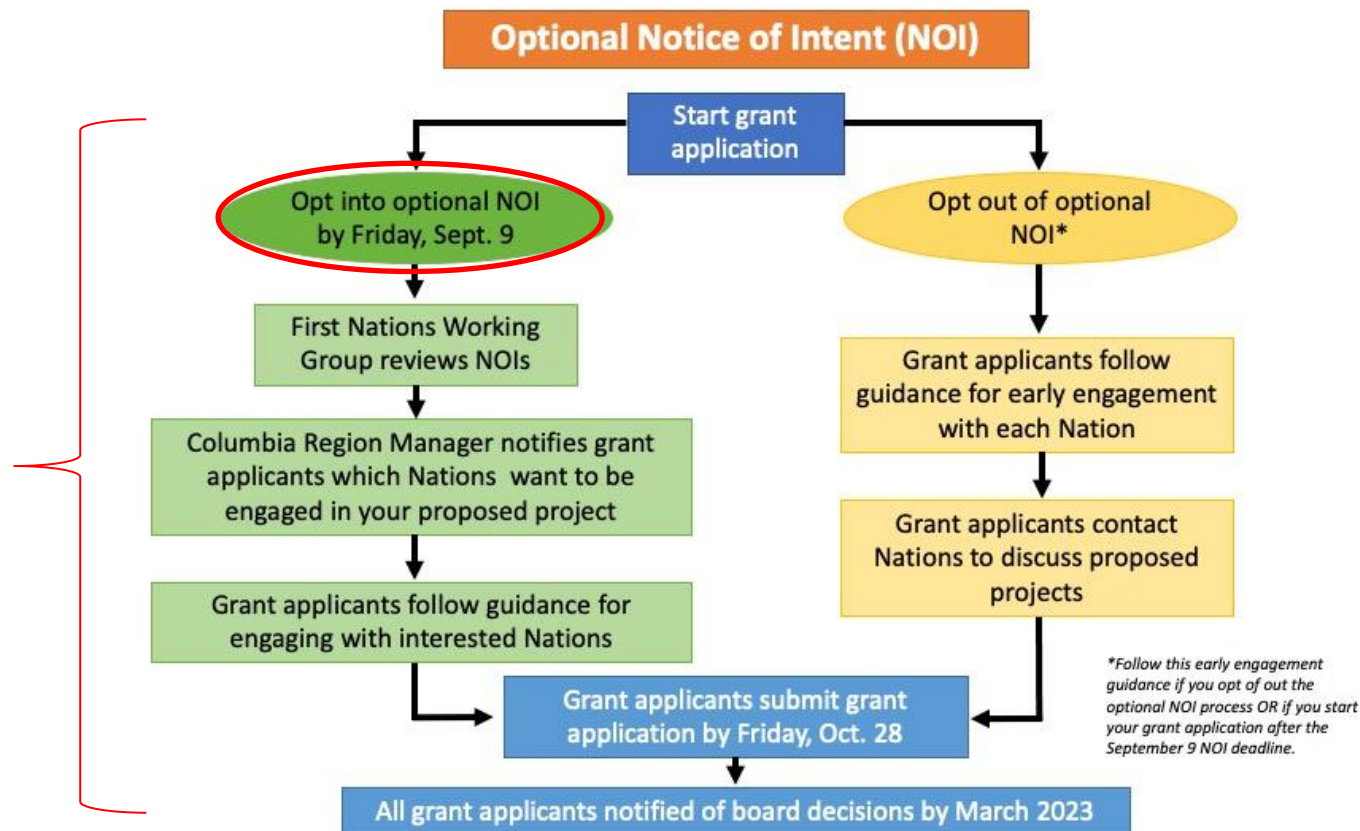
Project development support. A First Nation contributes to project development (e.g., Indigenous knowledge and values incorporated into scope) and implementation (e.g., First Nations have budgeted involvement in the project).

Working relationship. Budgeted involvement in the project (e.g., First Nations technicians employed through the project).

Financial or in-kind support. A First Nation contributes funds or in-kind services that increase the total value of the project.

Support in principle. A First Nation provides a letter of support for the project but is not directly involved in the project.

NOI Process – Opt in



What will the NOI ask for?

1. Brief project title and summary statement
2. Organization/contact information
3. Fish or wildlife project?
4. Is the project led by First Nations?
5. Any project supporters?
6. Project location
7. Proposed single-year or multi-year project?



Submitting the notice of intent

Review the
Columbia
Region
action plans
and
guidance
document

Develop a
project idea
that aligns with
a priority #1 or
#2 “open”
action in any
action plan(s)

Visit
fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding
login to our grant
management system and
start your grant application

Submit your
optional notice
of intent by
**Friday,
September 9th
4 p.m. PT
5 p.m. MT**

For more information: <https://fwcp.ca/columbia-region-grant-guidance/>

Visit fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding to login

https://fwcp.smartsimple.ca/s_Login.jsp



Welcome to the FWCP grant management system

Registered users can login now with your email address and password. If you are new to our online grant management system, start your registration now:

[Register](#)

If you are already registered and you need to apply for grants on behalf of another organization or have questions related to completing FWCP grant applications, please contact us fwcp@bchydro.com (Our response time is generally within 24-48 hours Monday-Friday)

If you are having technical problems please call **604 528-8136** between **9am to 5pm PST**, Monday to Friday.

Login

Recommended browser: [Chrome](#) or [Firefox](#)

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Password:

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Starting your optional NOI: Grant Management System

▼ Eligibility Confirmed

i Based on your responses, you meet the eligibility requirements. You may apply for a grant from the FWCP.

Strengthened engagement of Indigenous Nations is a priority for our Columbia Region board and a consideration during the review and evaluation of all grant applications. To encourage early engagement between grant applicants and Indigenous Nations, all Columbia Region grant applicants can participate in an optional Notice of Intent (NOI) process.

The NOI is used to inform relevant Indigenous Nations about your proposed project, and it is the basis for identifying opportunities for Indigenous Nation engagement in your proposed project. This optional NOI process will be mandatory next year and your participation this year will help us improve the process.

To opt-in to the NOI Process, click on the **Start NOI (Notice of Intent)** button. Instructions will be available on the Help page within the NOI. You will be asked to provide a short description of your proposed project including the location and anticipated benefits. This must be submitted by 5:00 pm PT, Friday, September 9, 2022. The submitted NOI will be shared by FWCP with the First Nations Working Group. Our Columbia Region manager will contact you by Friday, September 23, 2022 with guidance on next steps for you to engage further with interested Nations before submitting your completed grant application by Friday, October 28, 2022. [Learn more at Columbia - Notice of Intent process](#)

To opt-out of the NOI Process, click on the **Start Grant Application** button. Instructions will be available on the Help page within the application. You must submit the grant application by Friday, October 28, 2022.

* Select the Organization Involved

Specify below the organization that you will be submitting an application for. If the organization proposed to submit an application for is not listed, please contact fwcp@echydro.com to request the ability to submit applications for additional organizations.

▼ Please Select ▼

Start NOI (Notice of Intent) **Start Grant Application**

Main (COL-F24-W-)

NOI Submission Deadline: 2022-09-09 at 17:00:00 PST

Grant Type: Columbia Seed

Region Manager: Crystal Klym

Status: NOI Draft

Modified Date: 08/16/2022 14:13

i Next Steps

Thank you for participating in the Notice of Intent (NOI) process this year. You must complete the NOI submission by the NOI deadline. The **HELP** tab below contains instructions on how to submit the Notice of Intent including options for copying content from a past application. Please read the **HELP** tab before proceeding.

NOTICE OF INTENT **HELP**

▼ Project Summary

* Project Title

Provide a concise title for your proposed project. The project title will be used to refer to your project (if approved) in future FWCP correspondence and communications. Try to make the project title unique and specific to this project, and include species or ecosystems that will benefit from this project in the title.

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* Project Summary Statement

Provide a succinct project summary statement that describes your proposed project. This is the project description that will be used in future FWCP communications about this project. It should be plain language and communicate what the project is about and what outcomes are expected.

Save Draft Submit NOI Seed Delete Application NEXT >

Main (COL-F24-W-)

Final Report Due Date: 03/31/2023

Submission Deadline: 10/28/2022 at 16:00 PST

Grant Type: Columbia Seed

Region Manager: Crystal Klym

Status: Draft

Modified Date: 08/16/2022 14:13

i Next Steps

This application has not yet been submitted. Please complete the application and submit it. The **HELP** tab below contains instructions on how to complete the application including options for copying content from a past application. Please read the **HELP** tab before proceeding.

DESCRIPTION APPLICANT INFO PROJECT INFO BUDGET INFO LETTERS OF SUPPORT EXPERIENCE PREVIEW & DECLARATIONS **HELP**

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What happens when I submit my NOI?

The week of September 19th, you will receive correspondence from the FWCP office that includes:

1. **Contact info for the First Nations** that would like to be contacted
2. **Other relevant guidance** to support your grant application

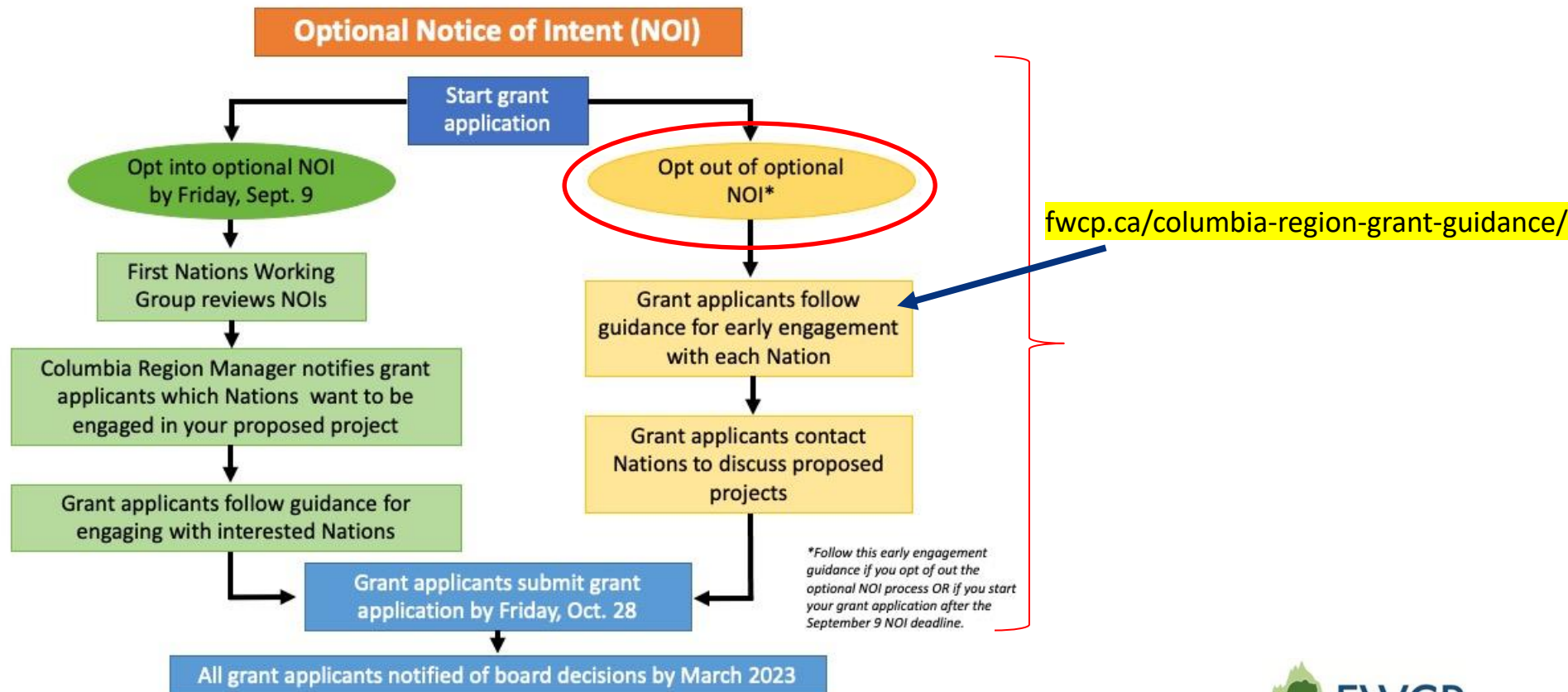


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NOI Process – Opt out or missed deadline



Questions?



Manage your grant

If you currently have an FWCP grant, access our online grant management system [here](#).

See our user guides for grant recipients:

[User Guide for Submitting a Change Request](#)
[User Guide for Submitting a Progress Report](#)
[User Guide for Submitting a Progress or Final Statement of Account Task](#)
[User Guide for Submitting a Draft Final Report](#)

[Contact us](#) if you have questions.

Manage your grant



Start your grant application!

Before starting your application, check out the resources below.

Regional guidance for grant applicants:

[Coastal Region](#)
[Columbia Region](#)
[Peace Region](#)

Action Plans

[Coastal Region Action Plans](#)
[Columbia Region Action Plans](#)
[Peace Region Action Plans](#)

Register for an information session:

[Peace Region Notice of Intent Aug. 24](#)
[Columbia Region Notice of Intent Aug. 24](#)
[FWCP Grants and Action Plans Oct. 4](#)

Start grant application



Register for info session: overview of FWCP grants

Tuesday, Oct. 4

1 –2 p.m. PT / 2 – 3 p.m. MT

1. FWCP grants available
2. Aligning project ideas with our Action Plans
3. The grant application
4. Tips and common mistakes to avoid
5. Overview of grant review and evaluation process
6. Regional guidance for all regions



Register at fwcp.ca/events

Grant intake dates

Optional Notice of Intent	Friday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m. PT / 5 p.m. MT
NOI response letters	By Friday, Sept. 23 (week of Sept. 19)
FWCP Grants Info Session	Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m. PT / 2 p.m. MT Register at fwcp.ca/events
Grant deadline	Friday, Oct. 28 @ 4 p.m. PT / 5 p.m. MT



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