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Notice of Intent Information Session – Peace and Columbia Regions

Thursday, August 7, 2025

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Today's discussion

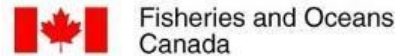
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Introduction to FWCP

The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public interest holders 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.



FWCP's vision & mission

FWCP Vision

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

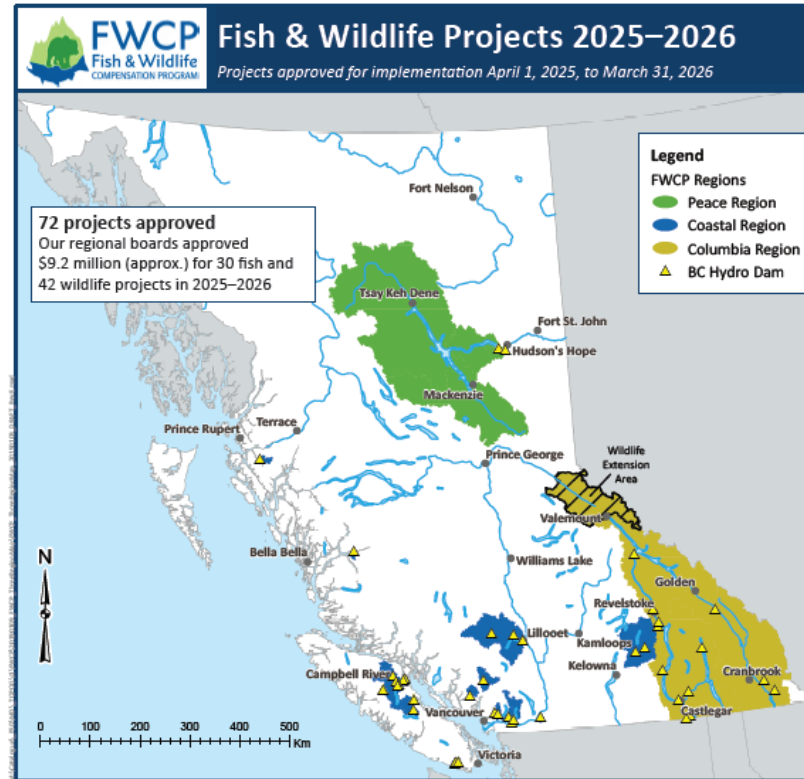
FWCP Mission

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

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~\$9.2 million and 72 projects



Coastal Region

22 projects
15 fish and 7 wildlife
\$1.8 million (approx.)

Columbia Region

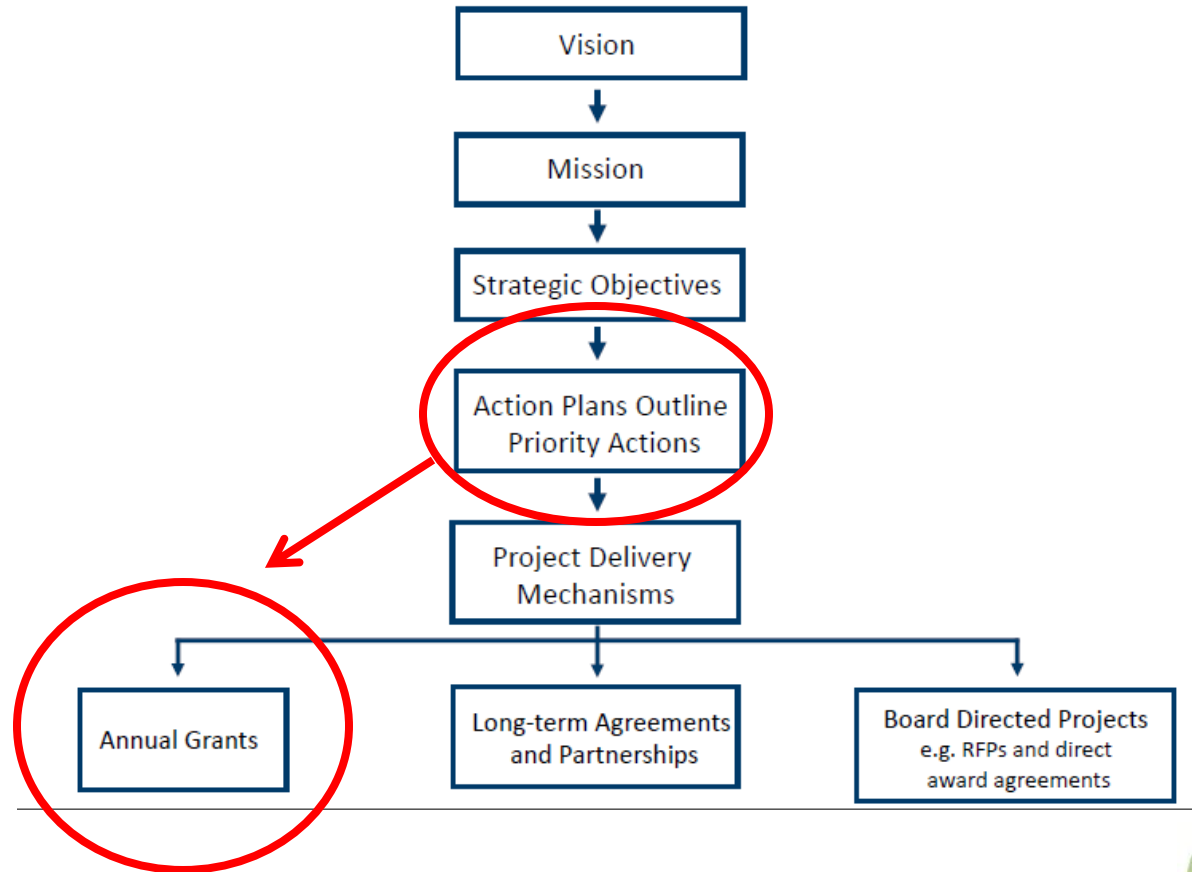
25 projects
7 fish and 18 wildlife
\$5.3 million (approx.)

Peace Region

25 projects
8 fish and 17 wildlife
\$2.1 million (approx.)



How we work: grants, agreements, and directed projects



Action plans define priorities & guide our work

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COMPENSATION PROGRAM

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Overview
Coastal Region
Columbia Region
Peace Region
Action Plans

72 projects funded for 2025-2026

\$9.2 million for 30 fish and 42 wildlife projects

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Strengthening First Nations engagement

- Strengthened engagement of First Nations is **a priority for our Peace and Columbia Region** boards and a consideration during the review and evaluation of all grant applications.
- **Peace Region First Nations Working Group** established in 2012 through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by nine First Nations: Doig River, Kwadacha, McLeod Lake, Nak'azdli Whut'en, Prophet River, Saulteau, Treaty 8 Tribal Association, Tsay Keh Dene, and West Moberly First Nations.
- **Columbia Region First Nations Working Group** established in 2022 with three Nations: Okanagan Nation Alliance, Secwepemc Nation, and Ktunaxa Nation.
- **First Nations Working Groups** ensure First Nations' considerations and input are included in all aspects of planning and delivery of the FWCP, including opportunities for First Nations involvement in projects.

Why a notice of intent (NOI)?

- The NOI process helps grant seekers identify contacts and connect with First Nations interested in being part of your proposed project.
- It is the basis for identifying opportunities for First Nations' perspectives and involvement in your project.
- See <https://fwcp.ca/funding/notice-of-intent.html> for more information.

Submitting your notice of intent

Review the
region's
action plans
and regional
guidance

Develop a project
idea that aligns with
an open priority
action in any action
plan(s) and regional
guidance

Visit
**[fwcp.ca/
funding.html](http://fwcp.ca/funding.html)**
Log in to our
grant
management
system

Submit your
notice of intent
by
**Tuesday,
Sept. 9
@ 4 p.m. PT /
5 p.m. MT**

Visit fwcp.ca/funding.html 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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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?

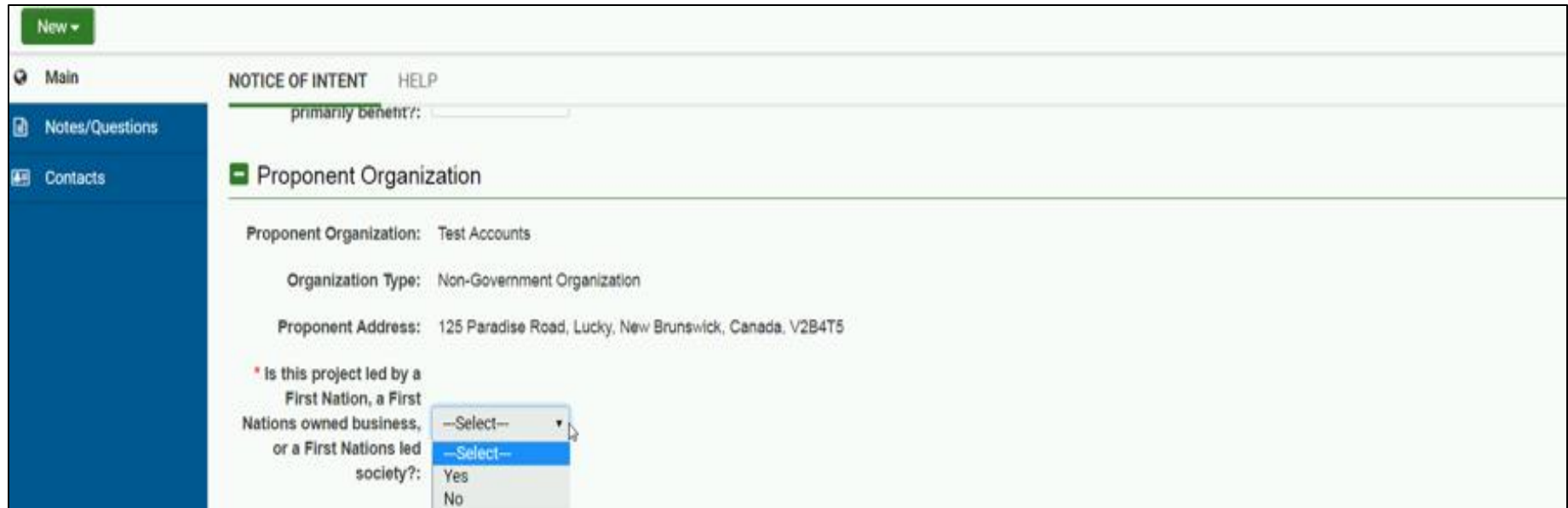
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What will the NOI ask for?

Question 4: Is this project led by a First Nation, a First Nations-owned business or a First Nations-led society?

Answer 'yes' if one of these groups is the applicant and they would receive the funding.




The screenshot shows a web application interface for a 'NOTICE OF INTENT' form. On the left is a blue sidebar with a 'New' button and links to 'Main', 'Notes/Questions', and 'Contacts'. The main content area has a header with 'NOTICE OF INTENT' and 'HELP'. Below the header is a 'primarily benefit:' field. A section titled 'Proponent Organization' contains the following information: 'Proponent Organization: Test Accounts', 'Organization Type: Non-Government Organization', and 'Proponent Address: 125 Paradise Road, Lucky, New Brunswick, Canada, V2B4T5'. A question with a red asterisk asks: 'Is this project led by a First Nation, a First Nations owned business, or a First Nations led society?'. A dropdown menu is open for this question, showing options: '--Select--', '--Select--', 'Yes', and 'No'. The 'Yes' option is highlighted.

What will the NOI ask for?

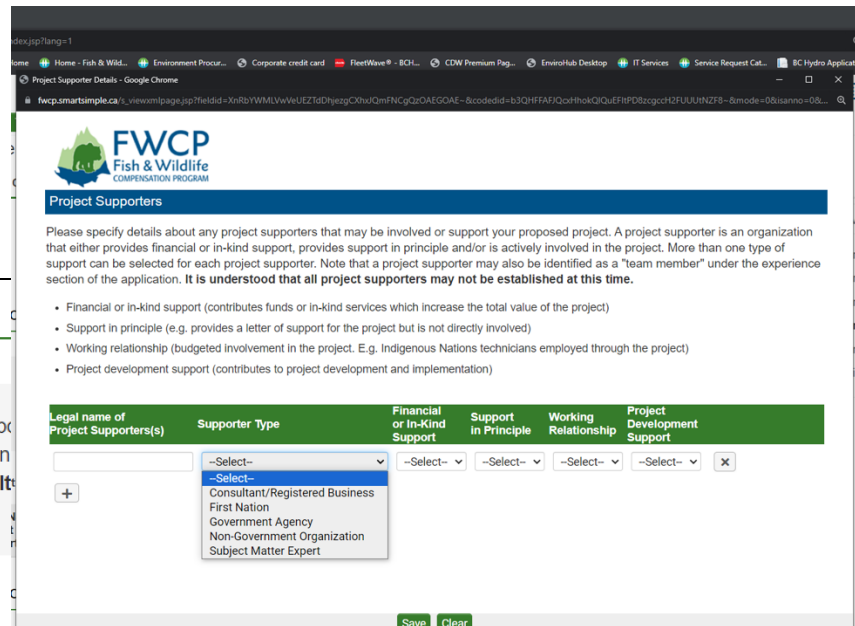
Question 5: Any project supporters?

A supporter is an organization that provides in-kind, cash or other support for your project.

✓ Project Supporters

 Please specify details about any project supporters that may be involved or support your proposed project. A project supporter is an organization that either provides financial or in-kind support, provides support in principle and/or is actively involved in the project. More than one type of support can be selected for each project supporter. Note that a project supporter may also be identified as a "team member" under the experience section of the application. **It is understood that all project supporters may not be established at this time.**

Project Supporter Details: [Open](#)



The screenshot shows the 'Project Supporters' section of the FWCP application. It includes a header with the FWCP logo and title. Below is a paragraph explaining the purpose of the section. A bulleted list defines four types of support: Financial or in-kind, Support in principle, Working relationship, and Project development support. At the bottom is a table with columns for Legal name, Supporter Type, and the four support categories. A dropdown menu for 'Supporter Type' is open, showing options like Consultant/Registered Business, First Nation, Government Agency, Non-Government Organization, and Subject Matter Expert. 'Save' and 'Clear' buttons are at the bottom right.

Legal name of Project Supporter(s)	Supporter Type	Financial or In-Kind Support	Support in Principle	Working Relationship	Project Development Support
	--Select-- --Select-- Consultant/Registered Business First Nation Government Agency Non-Government Organization Subject Matter Expert	--Select--	--Select--	--Select--	--Select--

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What will the NOI ask for?

Question 6: Project location

NOTICE OF INTENT HELP


✓ Project Location Information

i The FWCP needs to understand where your proposed project will take place. After selecting the sub-region, the center located at the project site. Alternatively, draw a shape to designate the entire project location.

* Within which sub-region will this project occur?: ?

FWCP Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program **Dinosaur Reservoir Watershed** Learn more at fwcp.ca

Watershed Area: 684.8 km²



Click on one of the sub-regions or click basin-wide if the project may overlap more than one sub-region.

Provide a latitude and longitude for the centre of the proposed project site/location

and

Draw a polygon to show the project area(s) within the subregion or basin.

What will the NOI ask for?

Question 7: What type of project year is this application for?

Single or Multi-Year Project

Please note: this is a critical question/section for the review process so please ensure your response will be applying for funding. If you are submitting a multi-year project for funding, you must also indicate which First Nations were interested or participated in your project, you must also indicate the project location boundary.

*** What type of project year is this application for?:**

- Select—
- Single-Year (not part of a multi-year project)
- First Year (multi-year project)
- 2nd+ Year and project location boundary NOT changed
- 2nd+ Year and project location boundary changed
- Select—

Note: If your project is in 2+ year with no project area change, you will need to indicate which First Nations were interested or participated in your project in the previous year.

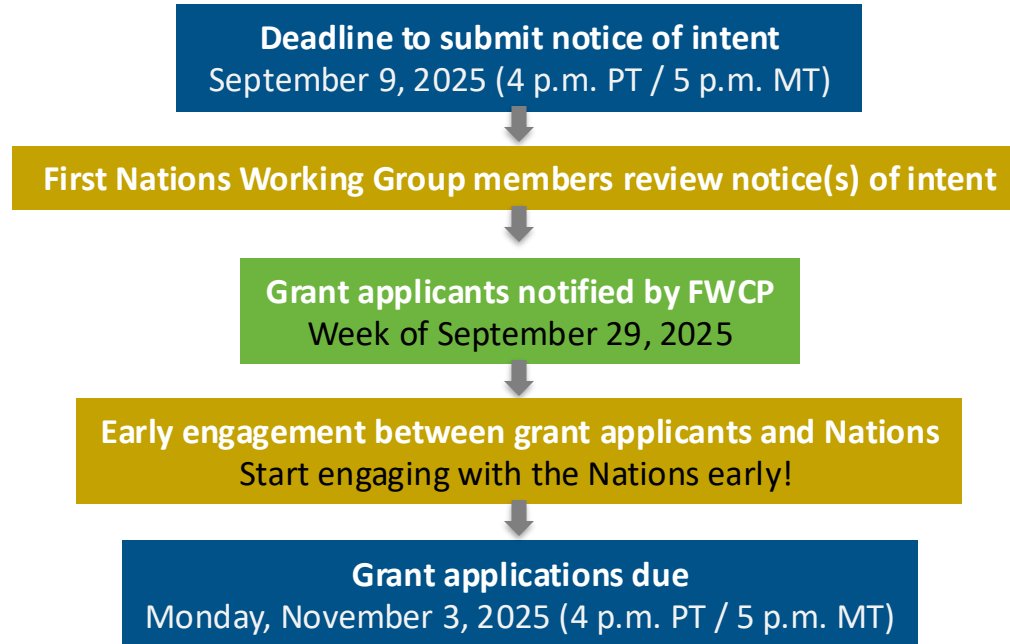
What happens after I submit my NOI?

The week of September 29, you will receive correspondence from the region manager that includes:

1. Contact info for the First Nations interested in your project
2. Other relevant guidance to support your grant application



Fall 2025: Notice of intent timeline



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

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Engaging First Nations: type of relationship

Four potential types of relationships with First Nations:

- **Support in principle.** A First Nation provides a letter of support for the project but is not directly involved in the project.
- **Financial or in-kind support.** A First Nation contributes funds or in-kind services that increase the total value of the project.
- **Working relationship.** Budgeted involvement in the project (e.g., First Nations technicians employed through the project).
- **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).

Questions?



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Grant intake

Our annual grant intake is now open. Start by reading our [regional guidance documents](#). Review our [regional action plans](#) and develop a project idea that aligns with the priority actions.

In our Columbia and Peace regions, all grant applicants must submit a [notice of intent](#) by Tuesday, September 9, 2025. This short project description is your first step and it's part of how we are strengthening engagement of First Nations in the projects we fund.

[Register](#) for our Thursday, August 7 info session to learn more.

Coastal Region grant applicants are not required to submit a notice of intent.

Key dates for grant intake

- Thursday, August 7: [Notice of intent information session](#)
- Tuesday, September 9: Mandatory [notice of intent](#) due in our Columbia and Peace regions
- Thursday, October 2: [Grants overview information session](#)
- Monday, November 3: Annual grant applications due

[Contact](#) our regional managers any time if you have questions about your grant application.

Manage your project

If you have an existing grant, read [Next Steps for F26 grant recipients](#). Use our online grant management system to manage your project. Login [here](#).

[Contact us](#) if you have any problems logging in.

[Manage your grant](#)

Start your grant application

Start by reviewing our [regional guidance documents](#).

Read our [action plans](#) for priority actions eligible for a grant.

[Apply online](#) by Monday, November 3 at 4 p.m. PT / 5 p.m. MT. In our Columbia and Peace regions, submit a mandatory [notice of intent](#) by Tuesday, September 9.

[Start your application](#)



Grant guidance



Read our regional guidance documents at fwcp.ca/funding/grant-guidance.html

Important notes this year:

- Our Columbia Region board will be accepting only grant applications for priority 1 actions in our action plans.
- Our Peace Region board will not be accepting new applications for Arctic grayling at this time.
- We encourage all grant applicants to include additional funding partners in their grant application that can help leverage FWCP funding for greater positive ecological effect.

Register for info session: overview of FWCP grants

Thursday, October 2

1 – 2 p.m. PT / 2 – 3 p.m. MT



1. Aligning project with Action Plans and regional guidance
2. The grant application
3. Tips and common mistakes to avoid
4. Overview of grant review and evaluation process

Register at fwcp.ca/events.html

Contact us anytime



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Columbia Region News

August 2025




Come to Toadfest 2025! Join us at Summit Lake near Nakusp for this event on Wednesday, August 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Thursday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. To learn more about western toads and other local species. Photos: H. ...





Peace Region News

August 2025



Twenty-five projects, for nearly \$1.5 million, were approved by our Peace Region board last year—like this one to restore the McIntyre Lake wetland near McLeod Lake. Our annual grant intake is now open. Learn more. Photo: C. Regina.

Apply for an annual grant now

Our annual grant intake is now open. Get started by reading our [regional guidance documents](#). In our Peace Region, we're encouraging grant applications that include other funding sources. We also have guidance about projects for Arctic grayling, wetlands and riparian areas, research and information acquisition projects, and provincial government applicants.

All grant applicants in our Peace Region must submit a [notice of intent \(NOI\)](#) by Tuesday, September 9, 4 p.m. PT / 5 p.m. MT, 2025. Submitting this short project description is the first step in your grant application.

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