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Pacific Power Blue Sky Habitat Fund

Administered by The Freshwater Trust

The Freshwater Trust, on behalf of Pacific Power's Blue Sky Habitat Fund, is requesting proposals to award funding for projects that restore and protect habitat to benefit native, sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish.

Proposal due date: **May 30, 2025**

Award notification: No later than **June 27, 2025**

Funding available: Approximately \$160,000 in grant funds are available. Grant awards have ranged from \$12,000 to \$40,000. A sample of previous awards can be viewed [here](#). Funding can be applied to project design, engineering, permitting, supplies and materials, implementation, monitoring, and outreach.

Project requirements:

- Proposal must clearly and succinctly articulate how the proposed project:
 - a) is tied to specific actions recommended by conservation plans described in a watershed assessment, conservation plan or recovery plan, and
 - b) results in the direct and immediate increase in habitat or value of existing habitat for native anadromous fish, including those species that are not yet listed as threatened or endangered. Preference will be given to projects that benefit multiple species and life stages.
- Projects may not be linked to any existing or future mandatory mitigation or offset program or requirement.
- Preference will be given to projects that are implemented within the [Pacific Power Service Area in Oregon](#).
- Awarded projects should plan to be completely drawn down by the end of the grant period **October 31, 2026**.

Application process:

1. Complete the following:
 - a) [Application](#) (Word document)
Download and complete the application. Completed document must be no longer than 4 pages. Reference the Selection Criteria listed below when completing this document.
 - b) [Budget](#) (Excel spreadsheet)
Download and complete the budget.

c) [Pacific Power Service Area](#)

View the web map and determine the location of your project relative to the Pacific Power Service Area. Preference will be given to projects implemented within the Pacific Power Service Area.

2. Prepare the following information for the intake form:

- Lead organization name, physical mailing address, website, and EIN#
- Project lead name, job title, email address and phone number
- Project name
- Project latitude and longitude (decimal degrees), Oregon county, HUC-8 code and name
- Name of Oregon community located nearest to the project
- Non-funding project partners (optional)
- River miles or acres benefited
- Total project cost, amount of funds requested, funds leveraged
- Anticipated completion date
- Description of mitigation that is linked to project, if applicable

3. Complete the [intake form](#). Upload completed application document as described in the intake form. Application materials must be submitted no later than the end of business **May 30, 2025**.

Selection Criteria:

Projects will be scored on the following criteria. A total of 40 points are available.

Criteria	Points
Application includes a compelling project story that is concise and fit for public distribution.	3
Preference will be given to projects that benefit multiple species and multiple life stages of native, sensitive, threatened, and/or endangered fish.	8
Demonstrates or advances strong technical and scientific design that addresses limiting habitat factors and provides quantifiable, measurable habitat benefits.	5
Project elements are tied to specific actions recommended as a priority action in a watershed assessment, conservation plan or recovery plan and/or endorsed by an independent, locally knowledgeable fisheries biologist.	7
Project demonstrates a qualified restoration team that has successfully completed projects with quantifiable outcomes. If restoration team history is limited, successfully demonstrates why project will be successful despite lack of track record.	5
Application describes a robust monitoring and maintenance plan, with monitoring objectives, duration and frequency of maintenance and monitoring, methods for data analysis and reporting deliverables.	5
Preference will be given to projects that involve active restoration within the 2-year grant window.	2
Projects that have secured cash or in-kind support for this project, or that can demonstrate a track record of securing analogous support, will be scored higher. A minimum 1:1 ratio of Blue Sky Habitat funding to other funding is preferred.	5

Other considerations:

- Preference will be given to projects where at least 80% of Blue Sky Habitat funding is used for on-the-ground restoration and preservation work, and project elements essential for on-the-ground work.