



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 29, 2026**

Award notification: No later than **June 26, 2026**

Funding available: Approximately \$160,000 in grant funds will be 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, 2027**.

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. Please do not include links to websites or references in the application.
 - b) [Budget](#) (Excel spreadsheet)
Download and complete the budget.
 - c) [Species Benefited](#) (Excel spreadsheet)
Download and fill out the table with the list of species and life stages that will benefit from the project.
 - d) [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.

- e) Supplemental materials (pdf, jpg, etc.) (Optional)
Applicants may include one page of supplemental materials that are likely to strengthen the application.
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 documents as described in the intake form and listed above. Application materials must be submitted no later than the end of business **May 29, 2026**.

Selection Criteria:

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

Criteria	Points
The application includes a compelling project story that is concise and fit for public distribution.	3
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. Project goals and objectives are clearly and succinctly defined.	6
Demonstrates or advances strong technical and scientific design that addresses limiting habitat factors and provides quantifiable, measurable habitat benefits.	5
The project demonstrates a qualified restoration team that has successfully completed projects with quantifiable outcomes. If the restoration team's history is limited, the application successfully describes how the project team will ensure success.	5
The application describes a robust quantitative monitoring plan that includes monitoring objectives, duration and frequency of monitoring, methods for data analysis and reporting deliverables.	4
The application describes a maintenance plan that includes specific maintenance triggers, thresholds, timelines, and proposed actions. If no plan is needed, application should specify the reasoning.	2
Preference will be given to projects that involve active restoration within the 2-year grant window.	2
Projects must benefit native anadromous fish. Preference will be given to projects that benefit multiple species and multiple life stages of native, sensitive, threatened, and/or endangered fish.	8
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.