

Council Recommends The Department Fund the Following Projects And Amounts For the 2026 WHIP Cycle

ID	Title	Organization	Practices	Budget Total	Review Score	Council Fund Approv	Council Recommendation	Funding (Y/N)
144415	Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Conifer Encroachment Treatment Project	Boone and Crockett Club	forest stand improvement, noxious weed control, wildlife friendly fence, fence removal	\$324,875.00	105	\$ 324,875.00	fully fund	Y
144257	Great Burn Habitat Restoration	Great Burn Conservation Alliance	Noxious weed control, campsite management and trash removal	\$531,563.00	103	\$ 212,625.20	fund for 2 years, future avoid supplies and training items.	Y
144285	Invasive Plant Mitigation and Habitat Restoration Across the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex	Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation	Noxious weed control- field crew	\$250,000.00	103	\$ 250,000.00	fully fund	Y
144388	North Fork Spanish Creek Restoration	Trout Unlimited	riparian restoration	\$158,126.00	98	\$ 158,126.00	fully fund	Y

144290	Lower Boulder River Watershed Conifer Removal and Habitat Restoration Project	Jefferson River Watershed Council	conifer encroachment, riparian restoration	\$75,000.00	94	\$ 75,000.00	fully fund	Y
144286	Arctic grayling habitat conservation and enhancement in the Big Hole and Centennial Valley watersheds.	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks-Region 3	riparian restoration, fish passage, and instream flow improvement through irrigation improvements	\$750,000.00	91	\$ 300,000.00	fund for 2 years (\$150k per year)	Y
144276	Lower Grant Creek Phase 1	Clark Fork Coalition	Riparian restoration and reconstruction, wetland creation, riparian fencing	\$128,752.00	89	\$ 128,752.00	do ask landowners to see if fencing cost can be reduced if possible	Y
144353	Upper Jefferson Channel Restoration Project	Ruby Valley Conservation District	river restoration, irrigation diversion structure replacements, bank stablilization	\$300,000.00	85	\$ 300,000.00	fully fund	Y
144325	Bangtail Creek Restoration Phase II	Montana Freshwater Partners	riparian fencing, riparian restoration	\$39,991.00	82	\$ 36,911.00	fully fund except for ineligible grant admin costs	Y

144411	Montana Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) Proposal	Blackfeet Fish & Wildlife Department	wildlife friendly fence, tribal wildlife program	\$2,997,517.00	79	\$ 58,000.00	Utilize remaining program funds for this project. These will serve as initial funds for fencing priorities in the project to enhance wildlife migration and reduce barriers. Come back with improved proposal	Y
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\$ 1,844,289.20

Council recommends FWP fund the 10 projects already motioned for a total of \$1,844,289.20.

Two projects are recommended to reapply next year once permits and other funding are secured and commits to prioritizing them. The remaining 10 projects are not recommended for funding this year

Reject and request reapply once they have permits- Council will given them a higher priority recognizing they ranked highly this year, but were not shovel ready								
144263	Clark Fork River - Grass Valley Restoration and Recreational Improvement Project	Trout Unlimited	Irrigation diversion gate replacement, fish screen	\$400,000.00	93	NA	motion to deny, ask them to reapply next year. Would rank higher if they do recognizing they were highly ranked this year	N
144357	Big Hole Spring Creek Spawning Channel- Kamperschroer Ranch	Big Hole Watershed Committee	riparian restoration	\$100,000.00	89	NA	motion to deny, ask them to reapply next year. Would rank higher if they do recognizing they were highly ranked this year	N

Do not fund this year								
144309	Hound Creek and Middle Creek Headwaters Fish & Wildlife Habitat and Migratory Corridor Enhancement	Sieben Live Stock Company	noxious weed control, riparian fencing, conifer removal, grazing water development, fence removal and replacement	\$1,074,645.45	87	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144389	Musselshell Floodplain Enhancement and Irrigation Relocation Project	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks	riparian restoration	\$490,569.00	82	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144360	Lane Ranch Grazing Management for Improved Wildlife Habitat and Invasive Annual Grass Management	Cascade County Weed District	virtual fence	\$334,600.00	81	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144390	Eitten Ridge Winter Range	USFS-Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest- Judith Musselshell Ranger District	conifer removal	\$50,000.00	79	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144400	Grazing Systems for Wildlife and Ranching	Winnett ACES, Inc	water development, wildlife friendly fence, conifer removal, noxious weed control, riparian restoration, reseeding	\$779,081.89	78	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N

144315	Upper Missouri River Riparian Habitat Restoration Project	Missouri River Outfitters	riparian tree planting	\$17,013.00	75	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144396	Browns Gulch Low Tech Restoration Flow Augmentation & Beaver Relocation Project	Watershed Restoration Coalition	riparian restoration, LTPBR,	\$236,901.00	71	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144392	FWP Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program Grant Cycle 2026	Flathead Ridge Ranch	noxious weed control	\$38,856.00	69	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144405	Mountain Bluebird, Sialia currucoides, Breeding Area Improvement	Montana Blue Rock	bluebird boxes	\$5,000.00	59	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N
144399	Haines Homestead Wildlife-friendly Fencing and Spring Repair	The Haines Homestead LLC	spring development, wildlife friendly fencing	\$110,000.00	56	NA	See meeting minutes for details	N