



MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish & Wildlife Commission **DATE:** July 3, 2025
FROM: Fisheries Division, Fish Habitat Bureau
SUBJECT: Future Fisheries Program Applications (Summer 2025 Funding Cycle)

Below is a summary of the Summer 2025 Future Fisheries Improvement Program projects. The applications and meeting materials also can be reviewed on the FWP website at: <https://fwp.mt.gov/ffip> under *Summer 2025 Future Fisheries Applications*. The public has an opportunity to review these applications and submit comments directly through the Future Fisheries webpage. This is the first of four funding cycles of the biennium.

The Future Fisheries Citizen Review Panel made funding recommendations on June 11th, 2025, for a total recommendation of \$679,772. Files included within this commission package are **1) funding recommendations of FWP staff and the Citizen Review Panel (including links to the applications)**, and **2) the results of the prioritization exercise (ARM 12.7.1203)**. These files are also available on the website noted above. Please feel free to contact the Habitat Bureau Chief (Michelle McGree; mmcgree@mt.gov, 444-2447) if you have any questions or comments regarding these applications or the Future Fisheries Improvement Program.

Summer 2025 Future Fisheries Application Summary

Project #	Project Name	Applicant	Region	Request	Match + Contributions	Total Project Cost	% FFIP Request	Panel Recommendation
011-2025	BRID Diversion Fish Screen	Clark Fork Coalition (Whiteley)	2	\$100,000.00	\$1,243,125.00	\$1,343,125.00	7%	\$90,000.00
013-2025 to 017-2025	CCAA Stockwater and Fencing Projects	FWP (Katelin Killoy)	3	\$153,207.00	\$160,335.00	\$313,042.00	49%	\$153,207.00
023-2025	Mono Creek Fish Barrier	FWP (Ryan Kreiner)	3	\$41,590.00	\$17,318.00	\$58,908.00	71%	\$41,590.00
019-2025	Gold Creek Tributaries Aquatic Passage	Clark Fork Coalition (Adam Switalski)	2	\$43,585.00	\$233,860.00	\$277,445.00	16%	\$43,585.00
021-2025	Kohrs Manning Diversion Fish Passage	Clark Fork Coalition (Fischer)	2	\$75,000.00	\$1,649,195.00	\$1,724,195.00	4%	\$75,000.00
022-2025	Lower Grant Creek Restoration	Clark Fork Coalition (Gretchen Watkins)	2	\$80,000.00	\$328,000.00	\$408,000.00	20%	\$0.00
024-2025	Ninemile Creek Restoration Phase 7	Trout Unlimited (Parson)	2	\$56,300.00	\$665,798.00	\$722,098.00	8%	\$56,300.00
025-2025	North Polly Reservoir Improvement	FWP (Cody Nagel)	6	\$21,040.00	\$7,150.00	\$28,190.00	75%	\$21,040.00
020-2025	Johnson Creek Tributary Reconnection	Montana Trout Unlimited (Edgington)	3	\$110,640.00	\$247,200.00	\$357,840.00	31%	\$85,000.00
026-2025	Poindexter Slough Riparian Restoration	Montana Trout Unlimited (Ross)	3	\$6,950.00	\$29,624.05	\$36,574.05	19%	\$6,950.00
027-2025	Pugsley Bridge Fishery and Riparian Enhancement	Liberty County Conservation District (Jones)	4	\$59,025.00	\$118,843.00	\$177,868.00	33%	\$50,000.00
028-2025	Smith River Riparian Restoration	Meagher County Stewardship Council (Coburn)	4	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	50%	\$0.00
029-2029	Upper Storm Lake Creek Diversion	Trout Unlimited (Laporte)	2	\$60,439.84	\$57,348.00	\$117,787.84	51%	\$40,500.00
018-2025	Chamberlain Creek Fish Passage	Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Neudecker)	2	\$16,600.00	\$59,381.47	\$75,981.47	22%	\$16,600.00

Requested
\$844,376.84

Review Panel Recommendation
\$679,772.00