



MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish & Wildlife Commission
FROM: Fisheries Division, Fish Habitat Bureau
SUBJECT: Future Fisheries Program Applications (Winter 2026 Funding Cycle)

Below is a summary of the Winter 2026 Future Fisheries applications. These applications can be reviewed on our FWP website at: <https://fwp.mt.gov/ffip> under *Winter 2026 Future Fisheries Applications*. The public has an opportunity to review these applications and submit comments directly through the Future Fisheries webpage. This is the fourth of four funding cycles and will expend all remaining funding for the biennium.

The Future Fisheries Citizen Review Panel made recommendations regarding these proposals on December 10th, 2025. Other files within this commission package include the funding recommendations of the Citizen Review Panel and the results of the project ranking exercise.

Please feel free to contact the Future Fisheries Coordinator (Bailey Duxbury; bailey.duxbury@mt.gov, Office: 444-2432, Cell: 565-6995) if you have any questions or comments regarding these applications or the Future Fisheries Improvement Program.

Winter 2026 Future Fisheries Application Summary

Project #	Project Name	Applicant	Region	Request	Match	Other Contributions	Match + Contributions	Total Project Cost	Panel Recommendation
001-2026	Big Hole Tributary Reconnection, Phase 2 - Alder Creek	Montana Trout Unlimited	3	\$107,425.00	\$152,705.00	\$0.00	\$152,705.00	\$260,130.00	\$107,425.00
002-2026	Lower Grant Creek Restoration	Clark Fork Coalition – Gretchen Watkins	2	\$50,000.00	\$340,000.00	\$0.00	\$340,000.00	\$390,000.00	\$50,000.00
003-2026	Madison River Side Channel Restoration - Hyde Creek	Madison River Foundation	3	\$100,000.00	\$204,144.08	\$0.00	\$204,144.08	\$304,144.08	\$100,000.00
004-2026	Marshall Creek Culvert Removal and Habitat Restoration	Rob Roberts, Trout Unlimited	2	\$12,930.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,890.00	\$12,890.00	\$25,820.00	\$12,930.00
005-2026	Upper O'Brien Creek Restoration Project	Adam Switalski – Clark Fork Coalition Project Manager	2	\$44,222.00	\$181,250.86	\$6,000.00	\$187,250.86	\$231,472.86	\$44,222.00
006-2026	Lower Racetrack Creek Restoration Project	Clark Fork Coalition – Andy Fischer	2	\$75,000.00	\$202,678.00	\$0.00	\$202,678.00	\$277,678.00	\$75,000.00
007-2026	Tenmile Creek Fish Barrier	Jim Olsen, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	3	\$23,420.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$48,420.00	\$23,420.00
008-2026	Christian Creek Fish Barrier	Jim Olsen, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks	3	\$23,420.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$48,420.00	\$23,420.00

Total Requested
\$436,417.00

Total Panel Recommendation
\$436,417.00