

# 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.



Let's turn the answers on.

Proposal due date: **May 31, 2023**

Award notification: No later than **June 30, 2023**

## Project requirements:

- Projects must clearly and succinctly articulate how the proposed project:
  - a) includes priority actions described in a watershed assessment, conservation plan or recovery plan, and
  - b) results in the direct and immediate addition of habitat or increase in the value of existing habitat for native, sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish. 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 funds must be completely drawn down by the end of the grant period **October 31, 2024**.

## Application process:

1. Complete the following:
  - a) **[Application](#)** (Word document)  
Download and complete 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 budget.
  - c) **[Pacific Power Service Area](#)**  
Follow the link to the web map and determine the location of your project relative to Pacific Power Service Area. Preference will be given to projects that are implemented within the Pacific Power service area.
2. Prepare the following information:
  - Lead organization name, physical mailing address and EIN#
  - Project lead name, phone number and email address
  - Project name

- Project latitude and longitude (decimal degrees), Oregon county, watershed, and 5<sup>th</sup> field HUC
  - Name of Oregon community located nearest to project
  - Additional project partners (optional)
  - River miles benefited
3. Complete the intake form at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5aa7c90e6e104231be94a51631ddd20b0>. Upload completed application document as described in the intake form. Application materials must be submitted no later than end of business **May 31, 2023**.

#### Selection Criteria:

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

1. Recommended as a priority action in a watershed assessment, conservation plan or recovery plan and/or endorsed by independent, locally knowledgeable fisheries biologist. (7 points)
2. Preference will be given to projects that involve active restoration within the 2-year grant window. (2 points)
3. Preference will be given to projects that benefit multiple species and multiple life stages of native, sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish. (8 points)
4. 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 points)
5. Demonstrates or advances strong technical and scientific design that addresses limiting habitat factors and provides quantifiable, measurable habitat benefits. (5 points)
6. 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 points)
7. Application describes a quantitative and maintenance plan, monitoring objectives, and methods for data analysis and reporting deliverables. (5 points)
8. Application includes a compelling project story that is concise and fit for public distribution. (3 points)

#### 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-groundwork.