

## Approved Action Grant Projects

Project Name	Project #	Project Description	Grant Amount *	Project Leader
Living with Wildlife on Anarchist Mountain	ACT-162	This collaborative project aims to promote sustainable land stewardship that supports wildlife habitat, reduces human-wildlife conflict, and integrates FireSmart strategies with caring for wildlife habitat. By providing education, technical support, and voluntary stewardship agreements, it will encourage landowners to implement best management practices that benefit species at risk, such as California Bighorn Sheep and Lewis's Woodpecker, while promoting long-term stewardship. Through community engagement, habitat restoration, and ongoing monitoring, this initiative will foster a culture of conservation and ensure private lands contribute to regional biodiversity and wildfire resilience efforts.	\$32,000	Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship
Coldstream Creek Stewards	ACT-163	This project aims to improve riparian habitat along Coldstream Creek by engaging private landowners and local communities in adopting basic stewardship practices such as installing nest boxes for Western Screech-owl, as well as planting riparian forests. Through direct engagement, education, and collaborative partnerships, the initiative will improve riparian area health, reduce habitat fragmentation, and support a thriving ecosystem for wildlife. By working together with landowners, the project will enhance nesting opportunities for the Western Screech-Owl while also improving water quality, stabilizing streambanks, and creating connected habitat corridors.	\$40,250	Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship
PlantWise Party - Getting People in BC Excited to be PlantWise!	ACT-189	The PlantWise project will help plant retailers to phase out invasive species in favour of native or non-invasive alternatives, empowering communities across B.C. to make smart choices when selecting plants.	\$40,025*	Invasive Species Council of BC
Conflict to Coexistence: Showing Human-Grizzly Bear Coexistence is Possible	ACT-219	This project builds on Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiatives' 2024 pilot, using science-based techniques to condition bear behaviour and encourage bear avoidance of high-risk human areas. Beyond direct fieldwork with the bears, Conflict to Coexistence also engages residents through community meetings, workshops, and a 24/7 bear response hotline, integrating local knowledge into conservation efforts. By combining proven deterrent strategies with adaptive management, the initiative enhances public safety, reduces human-bear conflict, and supports long-term grizzly bear recovery.	\$41,500*	Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative
Creating Habitat Stewards in the Craigflower Creek Watershed	ACT-220	Through the Good Neighbours Program, this project seeks to connect with landowners in the headwaters of the Craigflower Creek Watershed north of Victoria and provide them with the knowledge, resources, and incentives to become Habitat Stewards on their property for the long-term health and protection of the land, waters, and wildlife.	\$30,000	Habitat Acquisition Trust



## Approved Action Grant Projects

Project Name	Project #	Project Description	Grant Amount *	Project Leader
Bear-Resistant Waste Management for Mobile Home Parks	ACT-227	Six mobile home parks have been identified within the city of Prince George as having particularly high levels of human/bear conflict. All are situated adjacent to major wildlife corridors and/or habitat, and they all use individual household garbage cans for waste disposal, with a lack of secure garbage storage. Through this project, the Northern Bear Awareness Society will assist residents and managers of these mobile home parks to significantly reduce the amount of human-bear conflict by making the switch from unsecured garbage carts to bear-resistant carts or dumpsters.	\$16,000	Northern Bear Awareness Society



Habitat Restoration in the Garnet Valley  
Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship