

## Approved Action Grant Projects

Project Name	Project #	Project Description	Grant Amount *	Project Leader
BC Community Bat Program's Bat Friendly Agriculture	ACT-246	This project will work with ALR landowners such as farmers, ranchers, orchardists, and vineyardists in Creston, Grand Forks, and Oliver to protect and support bats by promoting simple, practical bat-friendly practices on agricultural land. Through workshops and site visits, BC Conservation Foundation will work with landowners to improve habitat, reduce risks, and protect important bat roosting and feeding areas. By changing everyday land-use practices, this project will support endangered and at-risk bat species while also benefiting farms through natural insect control and healthier ecosystems.	\$48,467*	BC Conservation Foundation
Whirling Disease Prevention	ACT-257	Whirling disease is an invasive parasite recently detected in B.C. that can result in skeletal deformities in juvenile salmonid fish, leading to significant fish mortality and threatening fish populations, food security, and cultural practices. There is no treatment currently available for whirling disease once it enters an aquatic system, leaving containment and prevention as the only methods of control for this emergent species. This project will focus on prevention efforts by developing and delivering a targeted outreach strategy, in collaboration with the Provincial Government, First Nations, and local partners, to raise public awareness about whirling disease and its impacts, and create behaviour change to encourage proper watercraft decontamination protocols.	\$32,608*	Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society
Peer-led Behaviour Change Towards Riparian Conservation on Farms	ACT-258	Fraser Basin Council is partnering with the Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition (FVWC) to engage farmers in adopting conservation-based riparian management practices that will help mitigate flood risk while improving habitat and water quality in streams running through or adjacent to their property. This project builds on the existing relationships of the FVWC and their work with sustainability-minded farmers in the Eastern Fraser Valley. The main focus of the project will be peer-led demonstrations of improvements that are possible through adopting new management practices. This initiative will demonstrate how habitat and ecosystem protection can bring mutual benefits for both farmers and the species that depend on those habitats.	\$50,000	Fraser Basin Council
Strengthening Hunter Participation in CWD Surveillance and Compliance	ACT-286	This project supports proactive Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) management in southern B.C. by strengthening voluntary hunter participation in surveillance and responsible carcass handling practices. It focuses on increasing voluntary sample submissions in high-risk Region 8 - where early detection is critical to preventing disease establishment - and reinforcing compliance within the confirmed CWD Management Zone in Region 4. Research shows that detecting CWD before prevalence significantly improves management options and reduces long-term ecological and economic impacts. By driving measurable increases in voluntary hunter-submitted samples in Region 8 to strengthen confidence in regional disease status, and by improving proper carcass handling and transport practices in Region 4, the project will reduce human-assisted pathways for CWD spread and strengthen provincial wildlife health protection.	\$47,350*	H4BC Hunt.Gather.Conserve. Society

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Western Screech-owl Stewardship and Monitoring Project	ACT-288	This project is a collaboration between Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT), local volunteers, landowners, and professional biologists to change the behaviours of landowners and residents who manage critical Western Screech-owl (WESO) habitat (habitat which has the capacity to support breeding WESO populations) to improve owl habitats and their stewardship and species monitoring. HAT provides extensive hands-on community stewardship opportunities, empowering residents to participate directly in conservation through citizen science, knowledge sharing, habitat restoration, monitoring, and owl-specific programming to benefit Western screech-owls. In doing so, residents build a greater capacity to steward WESO habitat on their property and support the populations that depend on the remaining habitats left in the area.	\$29,400	Habitat Acquisition Trust
Revelstoke Bear-Resistant Waste Behaviour Change Initiative	ACT-291	Revelstoke Bear Aware Society will implement a targeted behavioural change campaign to support the City of Revelstoke's rollout of bear-resistant garbage containers and a new municipal compost system. Through direct engagement with high-risk households and property managers, the project will reduce wildlife attractants and human-bear conflict. The project focuses on long-term adoption of secure waste practices to protect bears and improve community safety.	\$45,000	Revelstoke Bear Aware Society



Western Screech-Owl  
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