



New Funding Opportunity

Tree Planting Projects for Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration

What We Are Looking For

HCTF is seeking project proposals that use tree planting and related restoration activities to achieve clear fish and wildlife habitat objectives. Priority will be given to projects that restore degraded, damaged, or converted ecosystems and provide measurable benefits for target species and biodiversity.

Eligible activities may include:

- Strategic planning and eligibility assessments
- Archaeological assessments
- Site assessments and site preparation
- Development of planting prescriptions and restoration plans
- Planting of native trees, shrubs, and other vegetation
 - Note: shrubs must be less than 15% of the total planting to be eligible
- Monitoring and evaluation of planting success
- Riparian restoration and habitat enhancement
- Afforestation and reforestation activities that support wildlife habitat objectives

Priority Considerations

Projects will be assessed on their ability to:

- Benefit species at risk, species of conservation interest, or other priority fish and wildlife species
- Restore or enhance habitat at meaningful scales
- Demonstrate strong ecological rationale and long-term stewardship outcomes
- Involve or be led by First Nations
- Occur on lands managed for conservation or long-term habitat values
- Leverage additional conservation funding or partnerships
- Deliver broader ecosystem benefits such as biodiversity, connectivity, watershed health, and climate mitigation and adaptation

Information Required from Applicants

Applicants interested in this funding opportunity should be prepared to provide:

- Project objectives and target species
- Description of anticipated habitat benefits
- Land designation and management regime
- Detailed planting and implementation plan, including:

- Timeline
- Number and species of trees to be planted
- Monitoring plan
- Spatial project information
- Proposed tree species
- Information on First Nations involvement and partnerships
- Professional oversight, such as consultation with a Registered Professional Forester or Professional Biologist where appropriate

How Funding Works

Applications will be submitted through HCTF's standard Fish & Wildlife Grant intake and undergo HCTF's established technical review process. Eligible tree planting projects may be supported through the 2 Billion Trees initiative, which can contribute up to 60% of eligible project costs, helping HCTF and project proponents maximize conservation investments and expand habitat restoration outcomes across the province.

All projects must align with HCTF's Trust Purposes and Fish & Wildlife Grant program objectives, and all funding decisions remain subject to approval by the HCTF Board of Directors. Details of the Fish & Wildlife Grant program can be found on the [HCTF website](#).

Learn More

Proponents are encouraged to discuss potential projects with HCTF staff before applying to confirm eligibility and ensure proposals align with the objectives of this funding opportunity.

This funding is provided by the **Province of British Columbia's Forest Investment Program (FIP)**, supported through Canada's **2 Billion Trees (2BT) Program**. [Learn more here](#).