

# **Columbia Basin Program Staff**

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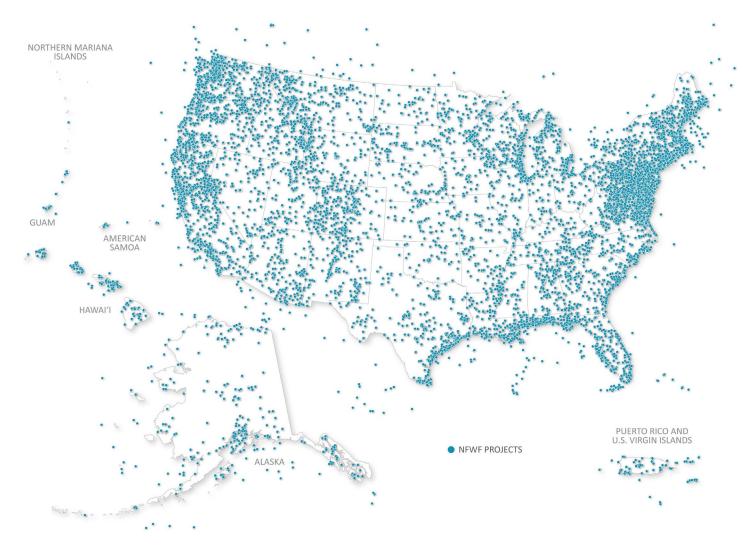
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## **NFWF Overview**



### **MISSION**

NFWF is dedicated to sustaining, restoring and enhancing the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats for current and future generations.

### **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

NFWF builds partnerships between leading U.S. corporations and the federal agencies, nonprofits and individuals who drive conservation efforts across the United States.



Projects supported by NFWF since founding in 1984

# **Program Overview: History and Partners**







### 1980 NORTHWEST **POWER ACT**

"The Administrator shall use the Bonneville Power Administration Fund to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the FCRPS."



ESA listed salmon and steelhead



Listed and unlisted resident fish





### **ENDANGERED** SPECIES ACT, FCRPS **BIOLOGICAL OPINIONS**

"Each federal agency shall... insure that any action authorized funded, or carried out by such agency is not likely to jeopardize continued existence... of any endangered species."









BPA will consult with the Tribal governments prior to BPA taking actions, making decisions, or implementing programs that may affect Tribal resources.











# **Program Overview: Current Funding Priorities**



# **Program Overview: Current Funding Opportunities**



- Columbia Basin Programmatic Water Transaction Grants (Bonneville Power Administration)
- 2. National Forest Lands Habitat Improvement Grants (US Forest Service)
- 3. Working Lands Habitat Improvement Grants (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

We strongly encourage you to contact NFWF staff to discuss potential projects for USFS or NRCS funding.



# **Columbia Basin Programmatic Water Transaction Grants**

- Part of the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program (CBWTP), which is the largest instream flow restoration program in the country
- Funded by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in cooperation with Northwest Power and Conservation Council
- Required under the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 2020 Biological Opinion (BiOp)
- Supports voluntary, market-based temporary and permanent water rights acquisitions and other incentive-based approaches to improve environmental flows for listed species
- Up to \$2,200,000 is available in 2024

Grant Size Range: \$15,000- \$350,000 Match Encouraged



# **Types of CBWTP Funding**

## Programmatic

Transaction Development

- Staff time
- Travel
- Supplies/materials
- Other associated costs of developing a water transaction
- Annual grants

## **Transactional**

**Direct Water Costs** 

- Eligible only if a programmatic grant is awarded
- Separate submission and review process (rolling implementation)

## Geographic/Species Priorities: CBWTP Programmatic Funding

- ESA listed species in BPA BiOp identified areas
- ESA listed anadromous species not specified above (National Marine Fisheries Service and 2020 CRS BiOp)
- ESA listed resident U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or state species of concern
- Other fish or wildlife not listed above where a benefit can be tied to increased flows in a specific location





Figure 1. Columbia Basin with BiOp Identified Geographies



# **National Forest Lands Habitat Improvement Grants**

- Funded by the U.S. Forest Service Region 6 (USFS)
- Support for voluntary flow restoration, projects that improve access to and connectivity of habitat for native fish, and instream habitat enhancement projects
- Projects must take place within the boundaries of U.S. Forest Service Region 6 National Forests. Projects must also be in stream systems that are part of the Columbia Basin drainage
- Up to \$300,000 is available in 2024

Grant Size Range: \$10,000- \$100,000

1:5 Match Required



# Geographic/Species Priorities: US Forest Service Region 6 (USFS)

- Projects must be located within the Columbia Basin, and must be within US Forest Region 6 National Forests
- ESA listed anadromous and resident U.S.
   Fish and Wildlife Service or state species of concern

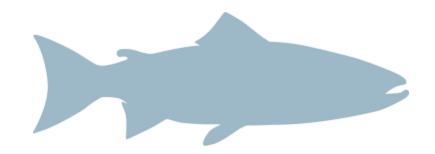




Figure 2. Columbia Basin USFS Region 6 National Forests



# **Working Lands Habitat Improvement Grants**

- Funded by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Technical assistance for landowners to develop conservation plans focused on climate-smart mitigation activities to improve and protect water quality and quantity
- Projects should engage agricultural producers in conservation practices and increase participation in USDA Programs administered by NRCS
- Projects must be on working lands within Columbia Basin watersheds located in Washington State
- Up to \$1,100,000 is available in 2024

Grant Size Range: \$10,000- \$200,000 1:2 Match Required



Geographic/Species Priorities: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- All proposed activities must be located within the Columbia River Basin in Washington State
- ESA listed anadromous and resident U.S.
   Fish and Wildlife Service or state species of concern

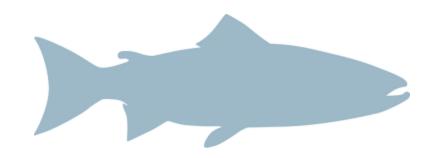




Figure 3. Columbia Basin in Washington State



# **Program Guidelines and Eligibility**

- Eligible applicants include: local, state, federal, and tribal governments and agencies, districts (e.g., conservation districts, planning districts), non-profit 501(c) organizations, schools, and universities.
- No political advocacy, fundraising, lobbying, terrorism or litigation.
- Not to implement legal requirements (mitigation, permit conditions, etc.). However, grant funds may be used to support projects that enhance or improve upon existing baseline compliance efforts.
- Applicants are encouraged to rent equipment where possible and cost-effective or use matching funds to make those purchases.
- Cannot use funds for telecommunications equipment or services produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation.

# **Additional NRCS Funding Guidelines**

- Due to IRA funding provided by NRCS Washington, all activities associated with the NRCS Washington funding must be compliant with the agency's list of climate smart practices: <a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-10/NRCS-CSAF-Mitigation-Activities-List.pdf">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-10/NRCS-CSAF-Mitigation-Activities-List.pdf</a>
- A Climate-Smart Mitigation Activity is an activity (conservation practice or enhancement) that, when implemented appropriately, can result in reductions in greenhouse gas emissions or increases in carbon sequestration.
- FAQ can be found here: <a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/group/143/faqs-climate-smart-agriculture-and-forestry-mitigation-activities-and-inflation-reduction">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/group/143/faqs-climate-smart-agriculture-and-forestry-mitigation-activities-and-inflation-reduction</a>





# **Monitoring and Reporting**

## **All Projects:**

- Annual programmatic and financial reporting
- Final programmatic and financial reporting

## For Columbia Basin Programmatic Water Transaction Grants:

- All water transactions required to be compliant with <u>Flow Restoration Accounting</u> <u>Framework (FRAF)</u>
- Instructions on recording transaction monitoring data can be found in the <u>CBWTP</u> <u>Workplan</u>
- Links to all relevant documents are available on the NFWF website

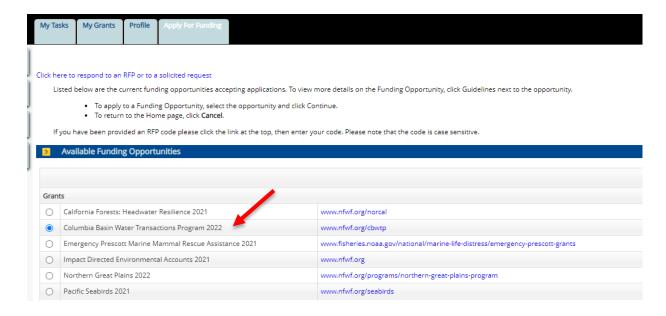


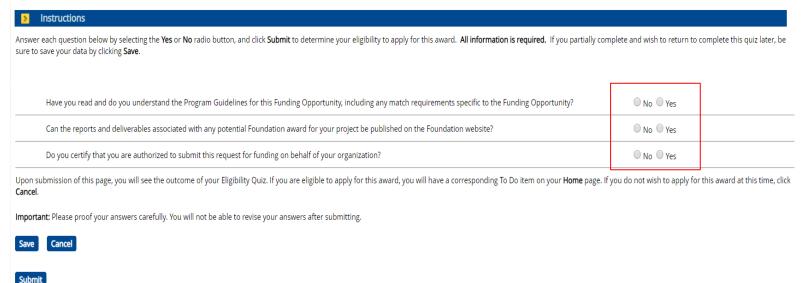


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# **Starting the Application in Easygrants**





# **Submitting Your Full Proposal**



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### Project Information

Due: 8/24/2021 11:59 PM ET Easygrants ID: 73737

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#### Instructions

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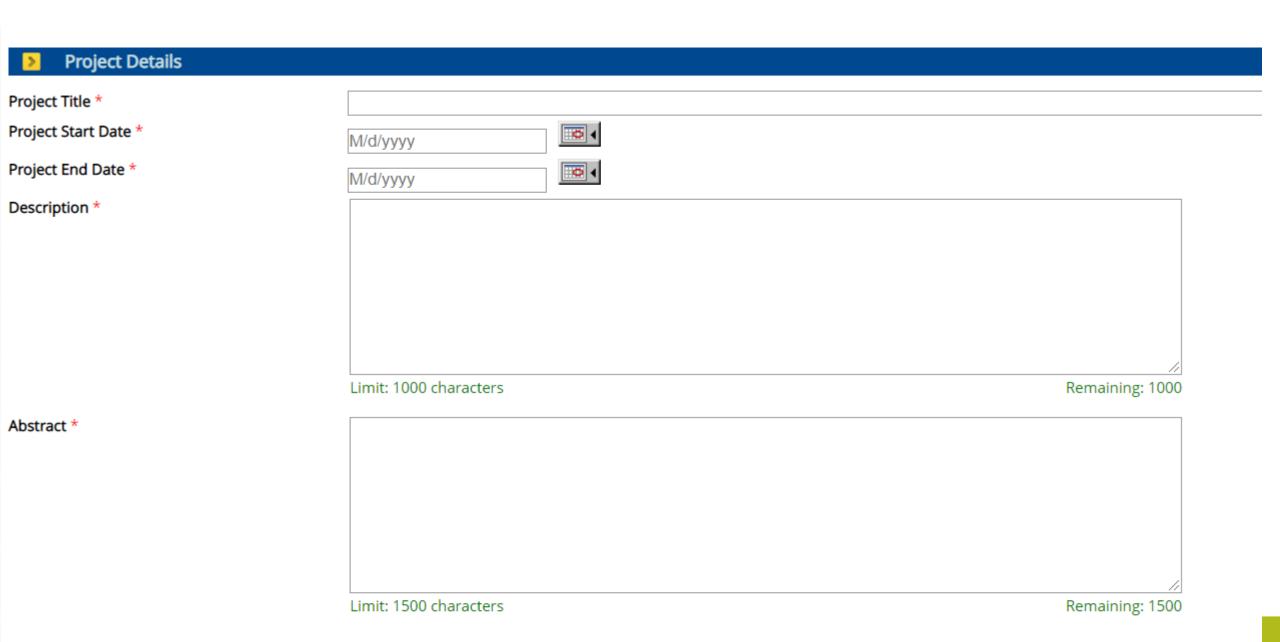
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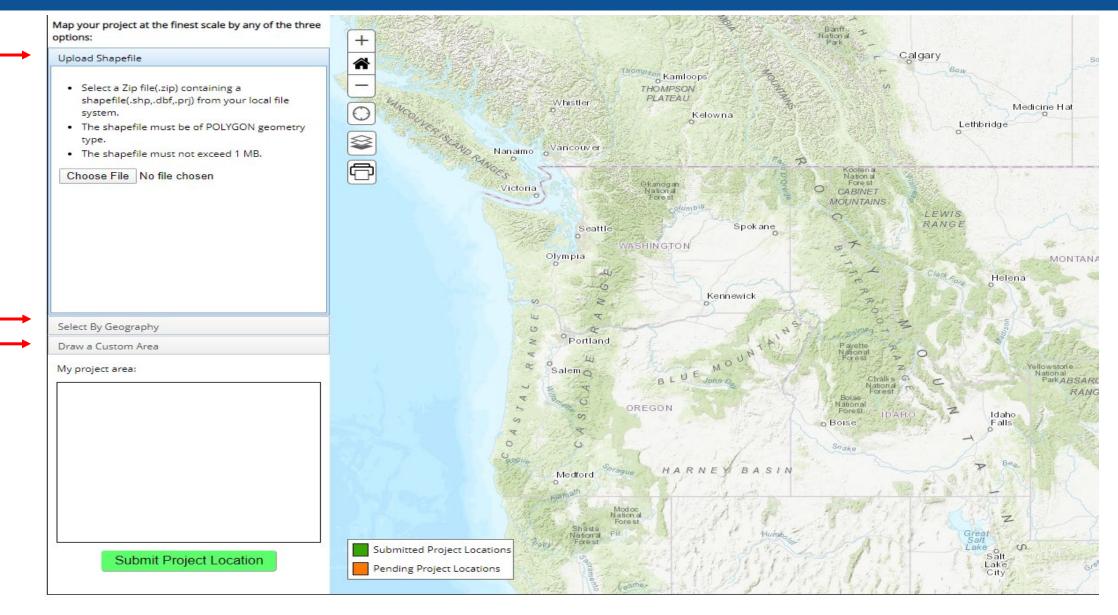
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# **Project Information**



# Map





I confirm that this project has been mapped as accurately as possible

Save and Continue

# **Uploads**

### Upload Checklist

Upload Type	Required	Template
CBWTP Full Proposal Narrative Template 2025	Yes	CBWTP Full Proposal Narrative Template 2025
CBWTP Workplan Upload 2025	No	CBWTP Workplan Upload 2025
CBWTP 5 Year Transaction Projection 2025	No	CBWTP 5 Year Transaction Projection 2025
CBWTP Work Elements Template 2025	No	CBWTP Work Elements Template 2025
Project Map	Yes	
Letters of Support	No	
Board of Trustees, Directors, or equivalent	Yes	
Statement of Litigation	Yes	Statement of Litigation
GAAP audited financial statements	Yes	
Single Audit (Formerly A-133 Audit)	Yes	
Indirect Rate Agreement	No	
Applicant Demographic Information Form	Yes	Applicant Demographic Information Form



# **Proposal Narrative**

- 1. Indicate the program to which you are applying: This can include Columbia Basin Programmatic Water Transaction Grant, National Forest Lands Habitat Improvement Grant, or Working Lands Habitat Improvement Grant.
- 2. Activities: Elaborate on the primary activities that will be employed through the grant. Explain how these activities are expected to lead to the outcome(s). Describe how these activities relate to established plans (management, conservation, recovery, etc.) and priority conservation needs in the specific project location.
- 3. Outcome(s): Elaborate on the outcome(s) summarized previously in the application; discuss what makes this outcome(s) achievable and important.
- **4. Tracking Metrics:** Indicate how the project will monitor/assess progress on the metrics selected previously in the application. Please note any challenges or limitations anticipated with tracking the metrics.
- 5. Community Impact: Describe the community(ies) where the project will take place, who will benefit from the project, and how they were or will be engaged in project development and implementation. Provide demographic information on the community(ies), including but not limited to age, race and ethnicity, poverty rates using this table:

Community(ies) or	Race/Ethnicity	Poverty	Low Income	Annualized Unemployment			
Target Audience		Rate	%	Rate			

- **6. Project Team:** List key individuals and describe their qualifications relevant for project implementation.
- 7. Other (Optional): Provide any further information important for the review of this proposal.



# **Proposal Narrative – Question #1**

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Figure 1. Columbia Basin with BiOp Identified Geographies



Figure 2. Columbia Basin USFS Region 6 National Forests



Figure 3. Columbia Basin in Washington State



# **Proposal Narrative – Question #2**

- 2. Activities: Elaborate on the primary activities that will be employed through the grant. Explain how these activities are expected to lead to the outcome(s). Describe how these activities relate to established plans (management, conservation, recovery, etc.) and priority conservation needs in the specific project location.
  - The more detail on where your project will be and what conservation activities will be implemented, the better
  - Describe the anticipated contributions of project partners, and how partnership has brought you to this point in applying for funding
  - You should include details about the plan for monitoring
  - Explain how the conservation activities you will implement have been prioritized in local or regional conservation plans
  - Have clear, measurable goals about what will be achieved



# **Proposal Narrative – Question #2 (CBWTP Only)**

# For Columbia Basin Programmatic Water Transaction Grants - break out each subbasin individually and address the following:

- Budget: Identify percentage of total budget that will be going towards work in this subbasin.
- ii. Activities and Outcomes: Describe the primary activities that will be employed through the grant. Explain how these activities are expected to lead to the outcome(s). Describe how these activities relate to established plans (management, conservation, recovery, etc.) and priority conservation needs in the specific project location. Narrative should include: why you are focusing on the particular subbasin; the flow restoration goal and how you plan to meet that goal; how does flow restoration relate to other habitat restoration in the subbasin; and how you're collaborating with other partners.
- iii. <u>Prioritization</u>: Clearly articulate the prioritization efforts for each subbasin both historic and future. Prioritization efforts should show the hierarchical planning that has gone into the selection of subbasins, streams, and water rights/properties/landowners. Show this <u>logic</u> path from the subbasin down to the transaction level to emphasize priorities and levels of importance for species.
- iv. <u>Adaptive Management</u>: Demonstrate how your efforts are moving beyond preliminary practices and proof of concept methods. Transactions should strive towards permanent instream flow and work to build on previous efforts.
- v. Monitoring: For each subbasin, describe water transaction monitoring plans in accordance with the Flow Restoration Accounting Framework regarding project compliance and implementation monitoring requirements. Address how monitoring project stewardship, streamflow, habitat and/or fish populations informs and guides adaptive management strategies on streams and transactions.



# **Proposal Narrative – Question #4**

- **4. Tracking Metrics:** Indicate how the project will monitor/assess progress on the metrics selected previously in the application. Please note any challenges or limitations anticipated with tracking the metrics. Please note that **ALL** metrics must have a starting value of 0.
  - <u>Columbia Basin Programmatic Water Grants</u> will **NOT** need to report metrics in EasyGrants. Instead, they will need to adhere to the FRAF and Workplan documents linked on the NFWF website.
  - <u>National Forest Lands Habitat Improvement Grants</u> will **NOT** need to report metrics in EasyGrants, but are encouraged to do so.
  - <u>Working Lands Habitat Improvement Grants</u> will **NEED** to choose and report applicable metrics in EasyGrants.



# **Proposal Narrative – Question #5**

**5. Community Impact:** Describe the community(ies)\* where the project will take place, who will benefit from the project, and how they were or will be engaged in project development and implementation. Provide demographic information on the community(ies), including but not limited to age, race and ethnicity\*\*, poverty rates using this table:

Community(jes) or	Race/Ethnicity	Poverty	Low Income	Annualized Unemployment			
Target Audience		Rate	%	Rate			

<sup>\*</sup>Communities should generally be at the county, zip code, or neighborhood scale. A single entry in the table should not include an entire state or project geography.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Race/ethnicity should, where possible, be shown as a percentage.

# **Uploads – CBWTP 5 Year Projections**

### **Instructions:**

Insert your projections for the next five years (2025-2030) in the "Transaction Projections" tab. Please sort the spreadsheet by the start year.

Projections are used to evaluate active and ongoing project development and ensure transactions are building upon current and previous efforts. This spreadsheet should be used to track all upcoming transactions, whether they are continuous of previously implemented projects, projects that are new and have strong certainty, or those that are in the very beginning stages.

Please be sure to note the % Likelihood implemented by the start year based on the level of confidence you have that the project will be implemented and/or paid for in that start year.

If your transaction has already been started in the CBWTP database, please ensure the transaction name and number in the spreadsheet match the database.

Transaction Name	Transaction Type	Stream Name	Subbasin	Term	Start Year	% Likelihood implemented by start year	CBWTP Cost	CFS	Annual AF	Acres	



# **Uploads – CBWTP Work Element Template**

### **CBWTP FY'25 Work Element Template**

Qualified Local Entity: Org name

#### Work Element - 99

Work Element Title:	QLE - Outreach and Education		
Work Category:	Planning and Coordination		
Work Element Name (ID):	Outreach and Education (99)		
Work Element Description:			

Covers work to educate or communicate with the public. Includes participating in classes, seminars, workshops, training, symposia, and conferences. Excludes work to coordinate with landowners or other direct participants in on-the ground conservation (include this type of coordination as part of the associated implementation WE), or work to identify and select new projects (WE# 114: Identify and Select Projects).

Milestone	Start Date	End Date	Description
Provide outreach/education to others as needed	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	Inform and work with members of the general public
Present QLE experiences at appropriate conferences	10/1/2024	9/30/2025	Identify speaking opportunities at scientific and legal conferences.
Meet with water use groups	10/1/2024	19/30/2025	Attend meetings of water user groups to provide information about funding opportunities and water management tools as needed.
Please note numbers of general public reached through outreach efforts in FY25			Enter # general public reached
Budget Estimate:	<b>—</b>		



# **Uploads – Applicant Demographic Information Form**

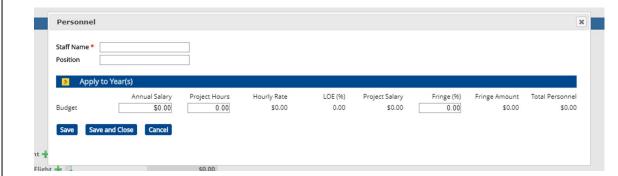
- The information you provide will <u>not</u> be shared with proposal reviewers and will <u>not</u> be considered when making grant decisions.
- The Foundation will <u>not</u> share identifying information about any particular entity or project.
- While the form is a required upload, applicants can opt out of providing the information within the form itself
  - If your organization does not collect this information or if you have provided NFWF with this information in the last 12 months, you can opt out.
- The information provided on this excel form will be kept confidential, the Foundation may share its anonymized aggregate findings as appropriate with its staff, Board of Directors, funding partners, and publicly on its website or through other media.

APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION		
As part of NFWF's goal to encourage and support diversity across the cor To accomplish this task, we are asking organizations that we fund to ass		l like to better understand the existing diversity in our grantmaking community and in the local communities about their workforce demographics on this form.
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	ead of guessing. If a section does not a	e some of the information requested readily available. Please be sure to complete the General Information sec pply to your organization you may skip it. Do not make any other changes to this form. Es with your application and complete the first section of the form.
All applicants must complete this section, even if you	have provided this data to	NFWF in the past 12 months or are opting out for another reason.
If you have provided this data to NFWF in the past 12 months you do not Easygrants project #from your grant application:	need to provide it again but you must	still complete this top section of the form and submit it with your proposal.
Grant program name shown on the RFP:		
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Organization Size (number of employees)	1	Click on the green box to select from the dropdown list
PART 1: APPLICANT ORGANIZATION - ALL EMPLOYEES (if applicable)		
Please provide the following demographic information about <u>all</u> of you	ır organization's employees, <u>includin</u>	g senior leaders.
<ol> <li>How many people currently work for your organization? (Include temp Total Number:</li> </ol>		ur response but <u>do not include contractors  </u>
2. How many of your employees identify as each gender?		
Female:		
Male:		
Non-binary:		
Unknown/Not sure:		



# **Budget**

- Budget represents <u>only</u> the grant amount requested from NFWF
- Must comply with OMB's Uniform Guidance (whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html)
- Itemize all costs in appropriate budget categories.
   Costs must relate to project activities.
- No lumping costs i.e., 'All Salaries: \$10,000' Add narrative details to explain costs in budget line items.
- Budget Narrative must accompany every section of the budget
- Refer to the <u>Detailed Budget and Narrative Guide</u>





# **Budget Narrative**

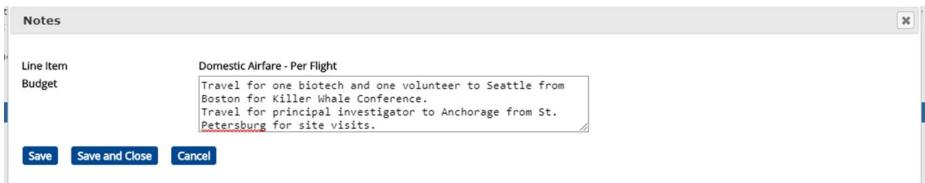


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**Plus icon:** Click this icon to add a line item that is not already in the budget. If you add a new line item that has not been approved, please make sure to add a budget narrative for this line: why was the expense made? What is the line item for? How will it contribute to the project?

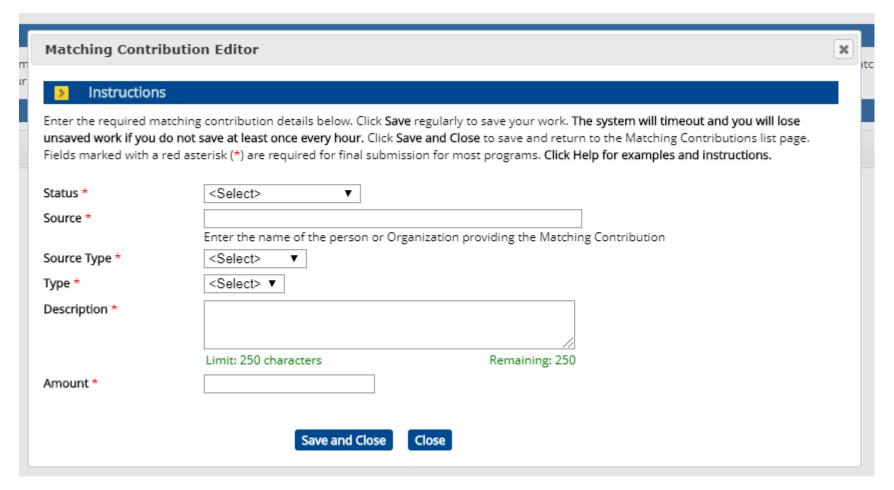
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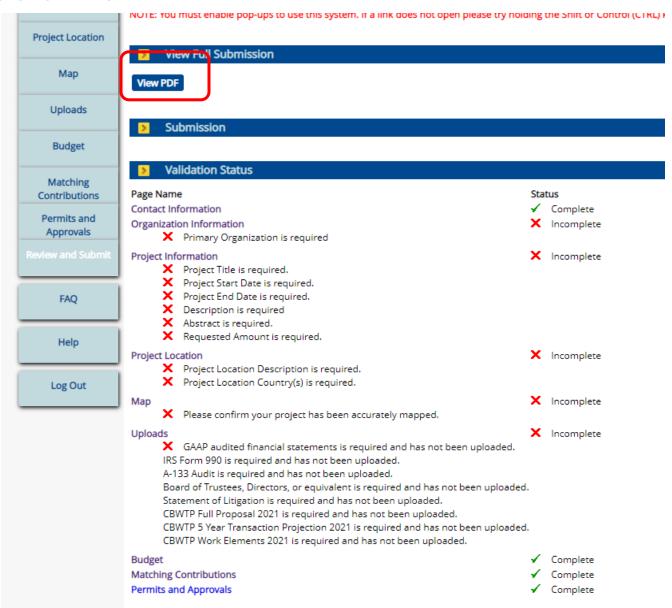


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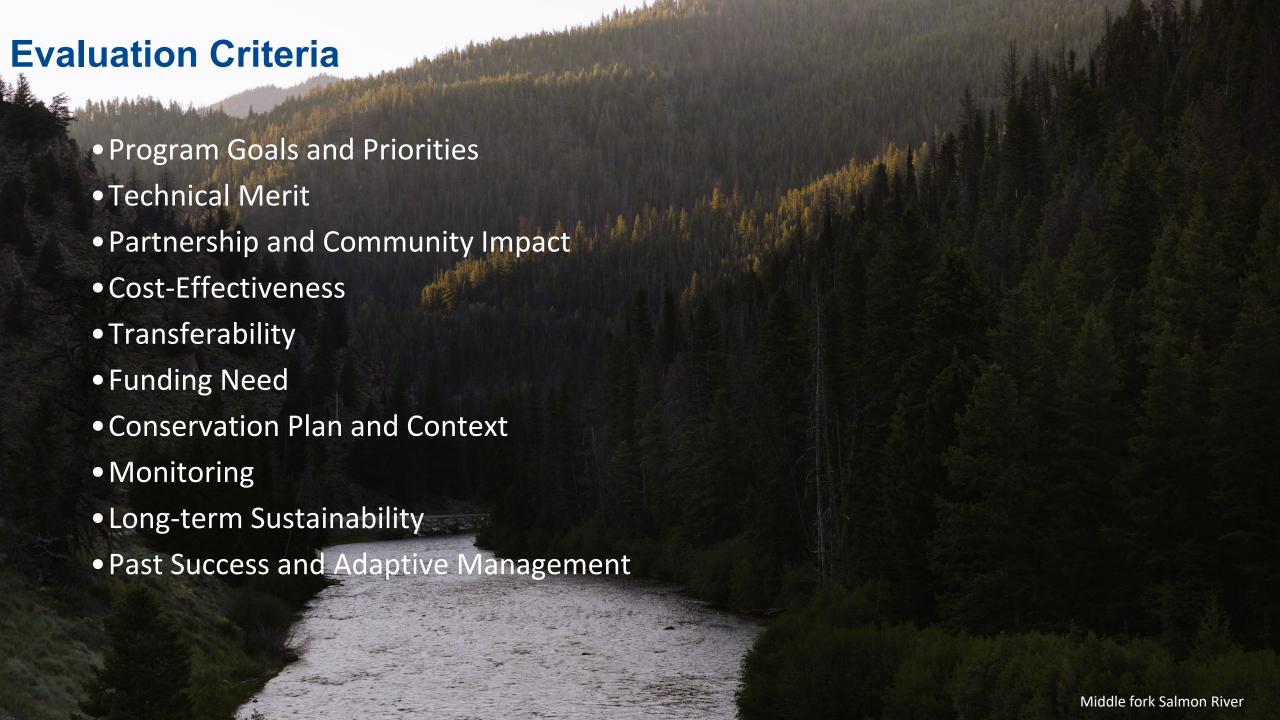


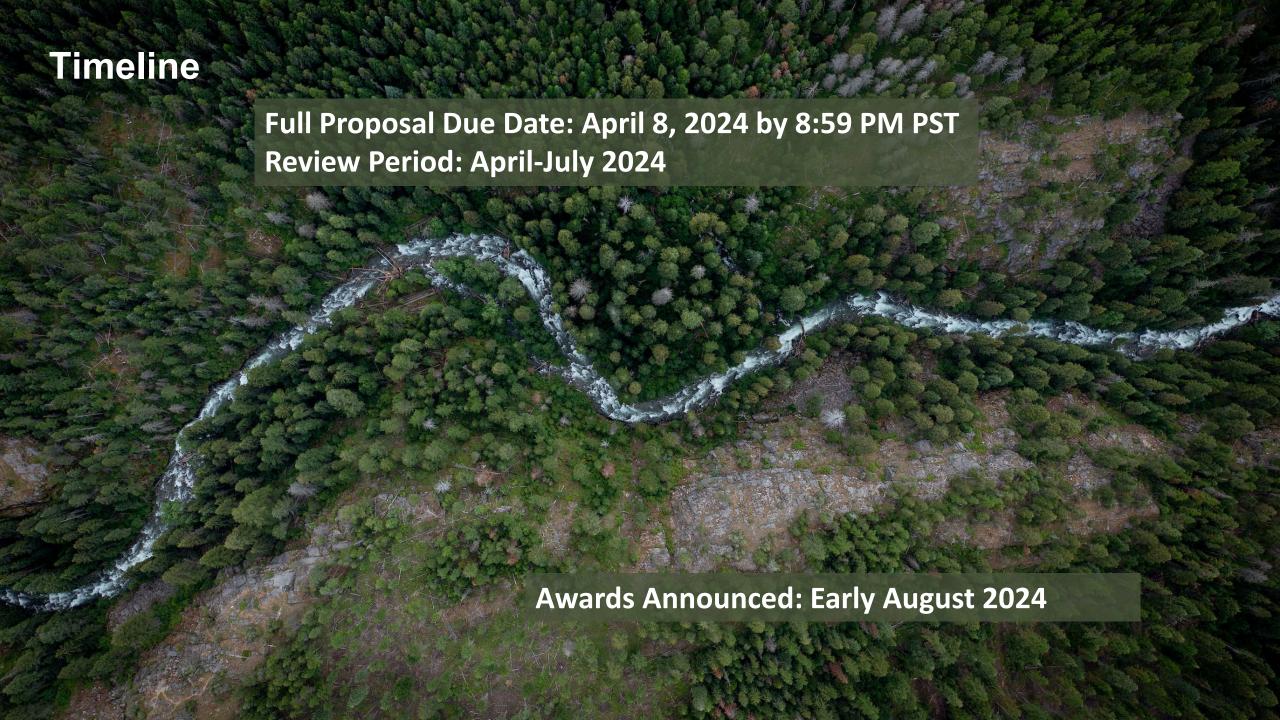


## **Review and Submit**









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