



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Fish & Wildlife Commission **DATE:** July 5, 2023  
**FROM:** Fisheries Division, Fish Habitat Bureau  
**SUBJECT:** Future Fisheries Program Applications (Summer 2023 Funding Cycle)

Below is a summary of the Summer 2023 Future Fisheries Improvement Program projects, complete with direct links to the applications. The applications and meeting materials also can be reviewed on the FWP website at: <https://fwp.mt.gov/ffip> under *Summer 2023 Future Fisheries Applications*. The public has an opportunity to review these applications and submit comments directly through the Future Fisheries webpage. This is the first of four funding cycles of the biennium.

The Future Fisheries Citizen Review Panel made funding recommendations on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Files included within this commission package are **1) funding recommendations of FWP staff and the Citizen Review Panel** and **2) the results of the prioritization exercise (ARM 12.7.1203)**. A Legislative report to summarize Program activities is available online at: <https://fwp.mt.gov/legislative-reports>. Hard copies are available upon request.

Please feel free to contact the Future Fisheries Coordinator (Michelle McGree; [mmcgree@mt.gov](mailto:mmcgree@mt.gov), 444-2432) if you have any questions or comments regarding these applications or the Future Fisheries Improvement Program.

Project Name	Region	Request	Review Panel Recommendation	Links to Applications
Brackett Creek streambank restoration	3	\$85,115.00	\$85,115.00	<a href="#">Brackett Creek Application</a>
Browns Gulch fish screens	2	\$37,890.00	\$45,390.00	<a href="#">Browns Gulch Application</a>
Chicken Creek fish screen	2	\$25,750.00	\$25,965.00	<a href="#">Chicken Creek Application</a>
Grasshopper Creek mine tailings bank stabilization	3	\$5,000.00	\$27,765.00	<a href="#">Grasshopper Creek Application</a>
Middle Fork Rock Creek fish passage reconnection	2	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	<a href="#">Middle Fork Rock Creek Application</a>
Mount Haggin culvert removal & replacement	3	\$24,500.00	\$29,788.50	<a href="#">Mount Haggin Application</a>
Musselshell River Rowton bank restoration	4	\$50,000.00	\$118,461.00	<a href="#">Musselshell River Application</a>
SF NF Divide Creek fish passage	3	\$35,000.00	\$45,000.00	<a href="#">South Fork North Fork Divide Application</a>

Requested	Recommendation*
\$313,255.00	\$427,484.50

\*Several applicants indicated a need for additional funds during the Review Panel meeting. See the Funding Recommendations document for more detail.