



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Fish & Wildlife Commission **DATE:** December 31, 2024  
**FROM:** Fisheries Division, Fish Habitat Bureau  
**SUBJECT:** Future Fisheries Program Applications (Winter 2025 Funding Cycle)

Below is a summary of the Winter 2025 Future Fisheries Improvement Program projects. The applications and meeting materials also can be reviewed on the FWP website at: <https://fwp.mt.gov/ffip> under *Winter 2025 Future Fisheries Applications*. The public has an opportunity to review these applications and submit comments directly through the Future Fisheries webpage. This is the fourth of four funding cycles of the biennium.

The Future Fisheries Citizen Review Panel made funding recommendations on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for a total recommendation of \$386,246. Files included within this commission package are **1) funding recommendations of FWP staff and the Citizen Review Panel (including links to the applications)**, and **2) the results of the prioritization exercise (ARM 12.7.1203)**. These files are also available on the website noted above. 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.

**Winter 2025 Future Fisheries Application Summary**

Project #	Project Name	Applicant	Request	Match + Contributions	Total Project Cost	% FFIP Request	Panel Recommendation
001-2025	Blacktail Creek Restoration	NRDP, Ford	\$60,695.00	\$1,201,668.00	\$1,127,363.00	5%	\$30,000.00
003-2025	Lee Creek Fish Passage	CFC, Switalski	\$50,000.00	\$185,123.00	\$235,123.00	21%	\$50,000.00
004-2025	Lolo Creek Tenant Meanders	Trout Unlimited, Roberts	\$60,000.00	\$355,000.00	\$415,000.00	14%	\$60,000.00
005-2025	Mill Creek Phase 2 - 5 bar 6	Trout Unlimited, Brubaker	\$86,920.00	\$187,850.00	\$274,770.00	32%	\$60,000.00
006-2025	Nevada Creek Restoration Phase 8	BBCTU, Neudecker	\$113,700.00	\$396,159.49	\$514,859.49	22%	\$113,700.00
007-2025	Pooman Creek Restoration Phase 3	BBCTU, Neudecker	\$33,000.00	\$69,124.61	\$107,124.61	31%	\$33,000.00
002-2025	Clearwater River fish passage	BBCTU, Neudecker	\$48,000.00	\$284,462.75	\$326,962.75	15%	\$48,000.00
008-2025	Ranch Creek Gratton Fish Passage	Trout Unlimited, Scanlon	\$67,500.00	\$85,806.00	\$158,806.00	43%	\$60,000.00
009-2025	Tenmile Creek Bridge	Trout Unlimited, Brisette	\$32,120.00	\$337,740.00	\$369,860.00	9%	\$22,120.00
010-2025	Tolan Creek Meadow Restoration	Bitterroot NF, Brown	\$6,885.00	\$44,045.00	\$50,930.00	14%	\$6,885.00

Requested
\$558,820.00

Review Panel Recommendation
\$483,705.00