

Walla Walla 2050 Basin Advisory Committee June 26, 2024

Process + Criteria for Proposing Projects for funding through the Office of Columbia River

Background: Ecology's Office of Columbia River plans to request funding for capital projects in the Washington State Legislative 2025-2027 biennium budget. Included below is the rough timeline for this process. Following the timeline are draft criteria and metrics proposed for evaluating projects for funding as well as the project proposal questions. Feedback and questions are welcome on these criteria, metrics and the project proposal process during the June 26, 2024 BAC meeting. The initial list of proposed projects is included at the end of this document for reference. This project list will be refined and updated once sponsors submit their full proposed requests for funding.

Overall timeline for Developing OCR Capital Project Lists

Timing	Activity	Who*
February 15, 2024	Discuss approach and process with Implementation WG	Implementation WG
Late Feb 2024	Establish sub-workgroup membership	AMP Insights
March 2024	Email call for initial project interests with short description and funding need	AMP + project sponsors
March/April 2024	Sub-workgroups meet to discuss criteria	Subworkgroups
May 2024	Development of draft project proposal form with criteria in mind	AMP
May – June 2024	WG meets to review and discuss proposal form and proposed criteria suggested by sub-workgroups	Implementation WG
July 17, 2024	Full proposals due - sponsors fill out more detailed project form	AMP + project sponsors



July 2024	Compile lists of proposed projects for consideration	AMP
Late July -August 2024	Sub-workgroups meet to discuss and rank projects	Subworkgroups
October/September 2024	Subworkgroups recommend draft project lists by category to BAC	Subworkgroups
October and November 2024	BAC discusses and approves list to recommend to Tri-Sovs	BAC
April – May 2025	WA Legislative budget passed	Legislature
Aug – Sept 2025	Awards made to grantees based on 25-27 capital appropriation	OCR

Proposed Criteria for Evaluating Projects

	CRITERIA	DEFINITION	SCORING
ELIGIBILITY	State	State in which action would occur.	OR, WA or OR and WA
	Ripeness	Sufficient design, permitting, etc. has been completed so funds can immediately be applied to advance project & project is already proceeding in sequential steps.	Yes/No
	Funding for Implementation	Is the funding needed for direct project <u>implementation</u> (staff time to implement can be included).	Yes/No
PRIORITIZATION	State Funding Need	Action has a funding need from the state (e.g., including high reliance on state funding or the need for match funding from the state).	Yes/No
	Funding Need (\$)	Dollar value of funding needed from source in question	\$
	Benefits	Contribution to desired future conditions (DFCs)	# of DFCs supported
	Benefits	Scale of contribution to DFCs	Low, Medium, High
	Benefits	Report on metrics measuring progress to DFCs and how they contribute to identified DFC(s)	Varies by project
	Project Longevity	Expected project length of life	Years/Permanent

Project Metrics

Floodplains, Habitat & Fish Passage	Monitoring & Metering	Streamflows, Groundwater & Water Supply	Water Quality
# miles stream restored or riparian buffers installed	# sites monitored	Water savings (AF (preferred), CFS)	% reduction in contaminants (by type)
# acres floodplain reconnected/restored	# gages installed	% of target flow met	
# fish passage barriers removed	Frequency of monitoring	# miles piped	
# stream miles made accessible		Water right priority date	
# trees/plants planted		# participants	
# of log/log structures installed			

Initial List of Projects Proposed for OCR Funding

Note: This project list will be refined and updated once sponsors submit their full proposed requests for funding.

Strategy	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Funding Request
Floodplains, Habitat & Fish Passage	South Touchet River Large Wood Enhancement	CTUIR	\$150,000
	Túuši Wana Floodplain & Fish Habitat Restoration	CTUIR	\$5,000,000
	South Fork Cabin Access	Southfork Timber & Cattle Company	\$225,000
	Bridge to Bridge Phase 3	Tri-State Steelheaders	\$90,000
	Mill Creek Passage - 6th Ave Bridge	Tri-State Steelheaders	\$400,000
	Mill Creek Passage - 3rd to Colville	Tri-State Steelheaders	\$3,000,000
	Mill Creek Passage - Gose Street	Tri-State Steelheaders	\$4,000,000
	Mill Creek Passage - Roosevelt to Tausick	Tri-State Steelheaders	\$5,100,000
	Couse Creek RM 8 Low Tech Restoration	WWBWC	\$175,000
	North Fork Walla Walla RM 5.2-6.5 Floodplain Restoration	WWBWC	\$407,000
	Hofer Dam Assessment & Design Study	Washington Water Trust	\$151,000
	Mill Creek Geomorphic Assessment & Action Plan	WDFW and CTUIR	\$300,000
	Riparian Maintenance	WWCCD	\$90,000
	Touchet RM 42 Restoration	WWCCD	\$400,000
Lower Mill Creek RM 4	WWCCD	\$700,000	
Monitoring & Metering	WW Subbasin Salmonid Monitoring & Evaluation	CTUIR	\$146,250
	Monitoring & Adaptive Management Strategy Development	WDFW	\$150,000
Water	College Place Garrison & Stone Creek Stream Gauge	City of College Place	\$125,520
	Aquifer Recharge Water Quality Monitoring	WWBWC	\$28,000
	LWW Irrigation Canals Water Efficiency Improvements	Walla Walla River ID	\$350,000
	Water Right Transactions - Water Payments	Washington Water Trust	\$100,000
	Water Right Transactions - Project Development	Washington Water Trust	\$120,000
	Heritage Garden Program	WWCCD	\$30,000
	GFD Siphon Replacement	WWCCD	\$1,200,000
Water Quality	College Place Decant Facility Construction	City of College Place	\$1,000,000
	College Place WWT Plant Upgrade - Pipe to Gardena ID	City of College Place	\$2,000,000
	Dayton Wastewater Treatment Facility	City of Dayton	\$20,000,000
	Nichols Canyon/Hwy11 Stormwater Design & Monitoring	WWBWC	\$71,500
TOTAL			\$45,509,270

