

## FY25 OVERVIEW

### FUNDING AMOUNT:

\$250K-\$350K anticipated.

### ELIGIBILITY

All partners for projects benefitting Pacific Lamprey & occurring in any of PLCI's 18 Regional Management Units. (RMU's).

### REVIEW PROCESS & TIMELINE

Proposals will be reviewed by the PLCI Co-chairs, Coordinator and representatives from the steering committee and conservation team.

Top ranking applicants may be asked to respond promptly to clarifying questions.

PLCI funding recommendations to NFHP do not guarantee funding; the NFHP Board performs an internal review & final decisions are made in consultation with USFWS.

### WEB RESOURCES

[Find your RMU](#)

[PLCI Conservation Agreement](#)

[NFHPs FY24 National Conservation Strategies](#)

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## PACIFIC LAMPREY CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (PLCI)/NATIONAL FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP (NFHP) FY25 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

### ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS:

1/9/2024 TO 2/6/2024 (Midnight PDT)

### ALIGNMENT WITH PLCI PRIORITIES

PLCI strongly recommends all applicants first determine the relevancy of the proposed project to PLCI's priorities and Regional Management Unit (RMU) specific threats and concerns. Updated RMU Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs) detailing region specific threats and research needs, as well as contact information for RMU leads can be found on our website.

*Collaboration* is a key component of the PLCI; more weight will be afforded to projects that prioritize multi-partner collaborations.



### FY25 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

*The following specifies project criteria, timelines, and reporting requirements for PLCI/NFHP FY25 funding.*

### WHO CAN APPLY

All partners proposing projects in any of PLCI's 18 Regional Management Units.

[Find your RMU](#) (Spanning the N. Pacific Ocean & Alaska down to S. California).

### FUNDING AMOUNT

\$250,000 - \$350,000 total

### PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

*Projects must clearly demonstrate a direct benefit to Pacific Lamprey.*

Types of eligible projects include:

- Restoration (habitat & supplementation)
- Passage or infrastructure improvements

- Assessments that inform range-wide or site-specific guidance that will lead to future on-the-ground projects or best management guidance; and
- Partner outreach (including workshops), monitoring, research questions that inform management, and land acquisition/research.

## IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

Projects should be able to be implemented in 18-24 months after contracting is initiated (likely Spring/Summer 2025).

## CONTRACTING

Projects will be executed through one contract/cooperative agreement between PLCI's fiscal agent and the project proponent/entity.

*If multiple contracts are desired for one project, those will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

Ideally, the project proponent will be responsible for administration and costs related to sub-contracts and associated overhead.

## REPORTING

The project leads will be required to complete periodic quarterly progress reporting to PLCI and a final report following PLCI and USFWS reporting requirements.

The final report will be finalized by the contract end date.

## QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact PLCI at [info@pacificlamprey.org](mailto:info@pacificlamprey.org) with any questions you may have regarding the RFP process and application.

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# Important Dates

## 6 FEBRUARY 2024:

Project proposals due to PLCI.

## FEBRUARY / MARCH 2024:

PLCI review period.

## 31 MARCH 2024:

PLCI recommends projects to NFHP for NFHP board review.

## 30 JUNE 2024:

NFHP Board submits (via USFWS) selected projects to the Department of the Interior (DOI) for final review.

## 30 SEPTEMBER 2024:

DOI/USFWS review deadline.

## TBD:

Final funding amount determined by FY25 federal budget procedure.

## SPRING/SUMMER 2025:

Funding award notifications to selected projects.

## NOTE:

*These dates are dependent on when the FY25 federal budget is passed & how long it takes for funding to move through DOI/USFWS to NFHP.*

# PLCI/NFHP FY25 PROPOSAL CRITERIA

All projects must directly benefit Pacific Lamprey.

- Address needs and threats identified by the [RMUs in their respective RIPs](#).
- Include maps and data to support species presence and benefit to lamprey.
- Align with one or more [PLCI Conservation Agreement objectives](#).

## NFHP SPECIFIC CRITERIA:

Projects must:

- Align with one or more [NFHP FY24 Conservation Strategies](#).
- Include:
  1. An outreach/education component.
  2. Monitoring and evaluation measures.
  3. 1:1 non-federal match *through direct funding or in-kind support*.

Matching funds and in-kind support must be clearly described.

All required components of the proposals are adequately addressed.

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## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

*Funds going to tribal organizations do not require a 1:1 non-federal to federal match.*

Tribal contributions (cash or in-kind) can be considered non-federal match.

## RANKING CRITERIA

*The following criteria will be used by PLCI review panels to score and rank project proposals. Each criterion has a maximum number of points allocated to it for a total of 100 points possible. Please see the online application for the specific questions asked under each criterion.*

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### 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (20 POINTS)

The proposed work will directly benefit and/or is focused on Pacific Lamprey.

Project summary (1.1) clearly describes specific overarching goals, measurable objectives, major milestones, and deliverables.

Detailed project description (1.2) clearly states how findings and deliverables from the project will be disseminated, including any outreach to the public, practitioners, and/or partners.

Any partners (tribal, federal, state, local, watershed associations, etc.) supporting and implementing the project are clearly described, including what role they have in the project (funding, implementation, technical assistance, etc.). Collaboration is a key component of the PLCI; more weight will be afforded to projects that prioritize multi-partner and/or multi-RMU collaborations, regardless of whether support is financial or in-kind.

Photographs/illustrations, and maps (limit to three total) are required to provide further understanding of the project.

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## **2. PROJECT FEASIBILITY (20 POINTS)**

Project feasibility will be evaluated based on any planning, designs, match funding, contingencies on other projects, permitting, etc. that may impact or enhance the ability of the project to be completed in the stated timeline.

Project timeline table is complete and includes start/end date, objectives, milestones, and deliverables (see funding criteria).

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## **3. LINKAGE OF ACTIONS TO IDENTIFIED THREATS FOR LAMPREYS IN RMU(S) WHERE THE PROJECT IS LOCATED/FOCUSED (15 POINTS)**

The proposal identifies and describes how implementation of the project will address [priority threat\(s\) in the RMU\(s\)](#).

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## **4. SPECIES/HABITAT BENEFITS (15 POINTS)**

The proposal includes necessary presence/absence maps/data or cites data (GIS, published, etc.) that demonstrate that lamprey species are either currently and/or historically present in the project area, and indicates which life stages and species are addressed.

Proposal provides meaningful measurable results to improve lamprey populations and/or their habitat conditions, and work proposed will benefit lamprey directly, and/or inform/guide future projects that will benefit lamprey (e.g., assessments).

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## **5. RELEVANCE TO REGIONAL/NATIONAL PLANS & STRATEGIES (10 POINTS)**

The proposal identifies which and how the project directly addresses specific objectives and goals from relevant strategies and/or restoration management plans (e.g., [Pacific Lamprey Conservation Agreement](#) and [NFHPs FY24 National Conservation Strategies](#))

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## **6. EVALUATION AND/OR MONITORING (10 POINTS)**

It is clearly stated how the project's successful completion will benefit Pacific Lamprey and will be evaluated or monitored over time, and clear metrics on these benefits are provided. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Habitat restoration and passage projects should include post-project monitoring.
- Research, evaluation, assessment, and outreach projects should include how resulting information will benefit lamprey conservation.

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## **7. BUDGET (10 POINTS)**

All aspects (tasks, deliverables, etc.) of the project are clearly described in the budget and budget narrative.

All matching funds or in-kind services that directly contribute to the project are clearly described and partners providing this support are identified and partner tasks and funding commitments are clearly defined in the description and budget in connection to the amount of funding committed/secured.

All projects demonstrate 1:1 non-federal match (unless funds are going to tribal organizations).

ALL PROJECTS MUST USE THE [FY25 PLCI/NFHP BUDGET TEMPLATE \(CLICK TO DOWNLOAD\)](#)

## NATIONAL FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

PLCI is one of 20 nationally recognized fish habitat partnerships in the United States. Through its work, PLCI seeks to advance its own goals, and those of the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) which are to protect, restore, and enhance the nation's fish and aquatic communities through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation and improve quality of life for all Americans.

Learn more about the work of NFHP and the other Fish Habitat Partnerships at [www.fishhabitat.org](http://www.fishhabitat.org)

