

FY26 OVERVIEW

FUNDING AVAILABLE:

\$320,341 total to be allocated among top ranked projects

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:

Project must benefit Pacific Lamprey in one of the Columbia River Basin Regional Management Units (RMUs).

WEB RESOURCES

[Find your RMU](#)

[PLCI Conservation Agreement](#)

[Lamprey Assessment \(2022\)](#)

[BPA/NWPCC Fish & Wildlife Program \(2020 Addendum\)](#)

[CRITFC Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan - Technical Document](#)

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FY26 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS:

8/18/2025 TO 10/6/2025 (6:00 PM PDT)

PRIORITIES

The Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative (PLCI) strongly recommends all applicants first determine the relevancy of the proposed project to PLCI's priorities and Regional Management Unit (RMU)-specific threats. Updated Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs) for RMUs detailing region-specific threats, research needs, and contact information for RMU leads, can be found on our website (<https://www.pacificlamprey.org/>).

Collaboration is a key component of PLCI; projects that prioritize multi-partner and/or multi-RMU collaborations will be favored.



FY26 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

The following specifies funding eligibility, project criteria, timelines, and reporting requirements for PLCI/BPA FY26 funding.

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligible applicants include tribal and non-tribal governments, non-governmental organizations, and private companies.

FUNDING AMOUNT

\$320,341 is available for FY26 to be allocated among top-ranked projects.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Funding is available for projects located within at least one of the RMUs within the Columbia River Basin. Projects can benefit/span into non-Columbia River Basin RMUs. If the project includes on-the-ground work, it should occur in a Columbia River Basin RMU. Find your RMU here: <https://www.pacificlamprey.org/rmu/>

Important Dates

OCTOBER 13, 2025:

Project proposals due to PLCI at 6 PM PST.

OCTOBER 2025:

PLCI review period.

PLCI recommends projects to BPA.

NOVEMBER 2025:

BPA makes final project selections from PLCI recommendations.

Funding award notifications and contracting process begins.

MAY 1, 2026:

Earliest project start date.

Columbia River Basin RMUs:

- Willamette
- Lower Columbia
- Mid-Columbia
- Upper Columbia
- Snake
- Mainstem Columbia and Snake

Projects must clearly demonstrate a direct benefit to Pacific Lamprey; conservation, habitat restoration, or passage improvements are a higher funding priority for the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) than research, monitoring, and evaluation projects. However, in some cases, research, monitoring, and evaluation are necessary to inform conservation, habitat restoration, and passage improvements for 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
- Research questions that inform management.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The earliest possible start date is May 1, 2026, and is contingent upon several administrative and contracting tasks required by BPA and the selected project sponsor(s).

The period of performance for contracts should not exceed 24 months and will be variable, based upon individual project requirements, environmental clearance, and BPA timelines.

CONTRACTING

Projects selected for award will be contracted directly through BPA. Subcontracts are acceptable and are administered through the primary contractor. BPA uses cbfish.org for managing PLCI contracts. The project sponsor will be required to obtain an account and use that system for contract development and reporting purposes throughout the period of performance.

Project sponsors must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations for all work performed. The sponsor is responsible for obtaining compliance (or working with BPA personnel to obtain compliance) as appropriate, which will be reviewed by BPA, and projects will not proceed if compliance is insufficient.

If a proponent has not held a contract with BPA previously, they will be required to perform the administrative work necessary to obtain a vendor ID through BPA's contracting group.

REPORTING

The project sponsor will be required to complete quarterly status reporting (via cbfish.org) and a final report following BPA reporting requirements.

Final draft reports are due one month prior to the contract end date to allow for BPA review/needed edits.

The report must be finalized by the contract end date.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit their proposals through the online application portal at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/252015476092151>

Applications must be received electronically by 6:00 PM (PST) Monday, October 6. No late applications will be reviewed. You should receive confirmation that your application has been received and a copy of your application. If you do not receive a confirmation or a copy of your application, please contact the PLCI coordinator, Grace Adams (gadams@nrccorp.com).

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact the PLCI Coordinator, Grace Adams (gadams@nrccorp.com), with any questions you may have regarding the RFP process and application.

PLCI/BPA PROPOSAL CRITERIA

BASELINE CRITERIA

PROJECTS MUST:

- Directly benefit Pacific Lamprey.
- Address needs and threats identified by the Columbia River Basin RMUs in their respective Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs) or in the RMU sections of the Lamprey Assessment.
- Include maps and data to support species presence and benefit to lamprey.
- Clearly describe matching funds and in-kind support.
- Adequately address all required components of the application.

RANKING CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by PLCI review panels to score and rank project proposals. Each criteria 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 criteria.

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (20 POINTS)

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

1.1. Short Project Summary: clearly describes the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project, specifically noting how the project will directly benefit lampreys and address the needs and/or threats identified in the RIPs of the RMUs where the project will occur.

1.2. Detailed Project Description: clearly states the need or importance of the proposed project, defines measurable goals and objects, describes the project methodology, and 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 given to projects that prioritize multi-partner and/or multi-RMU collaborations, regardless of whether support is financial or in-kind.

Photographs, illustrations, and maps are required to provide further understanding of the project (limit to 3 total).

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 budget criteria).

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) identified in the most recent (2023-2025) Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs) for each RMU where the project will occur or identified in the RMU section of the Lamprey Assessment (2022).

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 demonstrable 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).

5. RELEVANCE TO REGIONAL 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:

1. [PLCI Conservation Agreement](#)
2. [BPA/NWPCC Fish & Wildlife Program \(2020 Addendum\)](#)
3. [CRITFC Tribal Restoration Plan for the Columbia River Basin - Technical Document](#)

6. EVALUATION AND/OR MONITORING (10 POINTS)

It is clearly stated how the project's successful completion will benefit lampreys 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.

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 in the budget in connection to the amount of funding committed/secured.

Use the attached budget template. You can download the template here:

<https://www.pacificlamprey.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Line-Item-Budget-Template-for-CR.xlsx>.



Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative & Bonneville Power Administration

FY26 Request for Proposals

Project Name:

Total funding being requested from PLCI/BPA:

Please note, a total of \$320,431 in funding is available for FY26 and divided among selected projects.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Lead Project Applicant/Organization:

Receipient of Funds (if different than Lead Applicant):

Funding will be administered through one contract to one organization. If subcontracts are necessary, they will be administered by the project lead and clearly reflected in the budget below.

Full Name of Lead Point of Contact for Project:

Email:

Phone Number:

Description of Lead Organization (100 words or less):

Briefly describe the organization requesting this funding, their role in administering this project (project manager, implementer, etc.) and relevant experience in successfully administering similar projects.

If there are other collaborating partners you would like to identify, please list them here and indicate whether they are a landowner or are providing technical assistance, funding (cash), or in-kind support (150 words or less):

PROJECT INFORMATION & LOCATION

Project Type (choose all that apply):

- Passage improvement
- Habitat restoration
- Habitat assessment
- Passage/Barrier assessment
- Population assessment
- Scientific assessment, research, or data
- Outreach & Education
- Monitoring
- Other: _____

Identify the primary Lamprey Regional Management Unit (RMU) population addressed (on-the-ground work should occur in the Columbia River Basin):

- Upper Columbia RMU
- Snake RMU
- Mid-Columbia RMU
- Lower Columbia RMU
- Willamette RMU
- Mainstem Columbia/Snake RMU

If the project will address additional RMUs beyond the one identified above, please identify any others that apply (Columbia River Basin RMUs indicated by *):

- No additional RMUs
- Upper Columbia RMU*
- Snake RMU*
- Mid-Columbia RMU*
- Lower Columbia RMU*
- Willamette RMU*
- Mainstem Columbia/Snake RMU*
- Oregon Coast – North Sub Region RMU
- Oregon Coast – South Sub Region RMU
- Washington Coast RMU
- Puget Sound/Strait of Juan de Fuca RMU
- Alaska RMU
- North Pacific Ocean RMU
- California South Coast RMU
- San Joaquin RMU
- California South Central Coast RMU
- California San Francisco Bay RMU
- Sacramento RMU

- California North Coast RMU

Ideal Project Start Date (if known):

Project Location:

If multiple, please list each and describe. If unknown at this time, please indicate why.

4th Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) Field Name:

USGS guidance on identifying your HUC.

Latitude of project (decimal degrees, NAD 1983):

Longitude of project (decimal degrees, NAD 1983):

If work is occurring at multiple sites, a generalized location can be selected, however, please describe why/how it was chosen (50 words or less):

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (20 POINTS)

1.1 Short Project Summary (100 words or less):

Provide a brief overview of your project including goals, objectives, and deliverables/outcomes and how the project will directly benefit lampreys and address needs and threats identified in the Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs) of the RMUs where the project will occur and/or impacts.

This information will be used to describe your project in outreach materials and reports.

1.2 Detailed Project Description (750 words or less):

- **Project need/Importance to Pacific Lamprey:** Describe the problem being addressed, why the proposed work is needed, and how it will directly benefit Pacific Lamprey. (~150 words)
 - Use Section 3 to expand on linkage to identified threats to Pacific Lamprey and to Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs).
 - Use Section 4 to expand on species and habitat benefits.
- **Measurable goals and objectives:** Clearly identify and describe specific overarching goals, measurable objectives, major milestones, and associated deliverables. (~150 words)
- **Methodology:** Describe the specific activities that will be undertaken to meet the objectives listed above. Identify and describe any partners (tribal, federal, state, local, watershed associations, etc.) supporting and implementing the project, including what role they have in the project (supplemental funding, sub-contractors, implementation, technical assistance, etc.) and

the resulting deliverables. Clearly identify the tasks/deliverables that would directly result from PLCI/BPA funding if this project were selected for funding. If this project is part of a larger project, clearly describe which portion of the project PLCI/BPA funding would be applied to, and the specific deliverables and outcomes expected. (~300 words)

- **Dissemination of findings:** Clearly state how findings and deliverables from the project will be disseminated, including any outreach to the public, practitioners, and/or partners. (~150 words)

2. PROJECT FEASIBILITY (20 POINTS)

- If applicable, have the designs for the project been completed or will they be completed before the planned project is implemented? Please describe current status of designs (e.g., 30%, 60%, 90%), if designs have been reviewed, and be prepared to provide any technical designs or documents for further review upon request.
- What permits are in place already and/or will be before the planned project is implemented (e.g., ESA consultation, Scientific Collection, fish health/transport, etc.)? Be prepared to provide documentation upon request. In addition, added environmental compliance coordination and work may be necessary.
- Is the implementation of this project contingent on any other needed materials, projects, or funding?

Please describe the relevant elements above and any others you feel demonstrate the feasibility of this project (150 words or less):

Timeline of major tasks and milestones. Customize the table below as needed and include the desired contract start and end dates as your first and last tasks respectively:

	Workflow (Describe the Task)	Start Date (Month/Year)	End Date (Month/Year)	Responsible Party(s)
Task 1				
Task 2				
Task 3				
Task 4				
Task 5				
Task 6				
Task 7				
Task 8				
Task 9				
Task 10				

3. LINKAGE OF ACTIONS TO IDENTIFIED THREATS TO LAMPREYS (15 POINTS)

For the next two questions, please refer to the Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs) for each Regional Management Unit(s) (RMUs) where this project will occur. RIPs can be found on PLCI's website here:

www.pacificlamprey.org/rmu/

If the project is occurring in an RMU without an updated RIP (2023 – 2025), please refer to the RMU-specific sections of the Lamprey Assessment (2022), found here:

<https://www.pacificlamprey.org/assessment/>

What threat(s) to lampreys does this project address? (Refer to the RMU's RIP or the Lamprey Assessment RMU sections for key threats.)

- Passage
- Dewatering & Streamflow Management
- Stream & Floodplain Mitigation
- Water Quality
- Predation
- Disease
- Small Effective Population Size
- Lack of Awareness
- Ocean Conditions

Referencing the relevant RIPs or RMU-specific sections of the Lamprey Assessment, describe how this project addresses each of the key threats(s) to lampreys within the HUC(s) and RMU(s) where this project is proposed. If the project occurs in more than one RMU, please indicate which threats addressed apply to which RMU (250 words or less):

4. SPECIES/HABITAT BENEFITS (15 POINTS)

- How will the project provide meaningful, measurable results to improve lamprey populations and/or their habitat conditions?
- Will the project benefit lamprey directly and/or inform/guide future projects that will benefit lamprey (e.g., assessments)?
- What life stage or stages of lampreys will benefit from action? How?
- What other species may benefit from this project?

Provide citation of literature, distribution maps, and/or surveys demonstrating lampreys are currently and/or were historically present in the project area.

Description of species/habitat benefits (250 words or less):

5. RELEVANCE TO REGIONAL PLANS AND STRATEGIES (10 POINTS)

The following strategies, restoration, and/or management plans are referenced in the questions below. Each is linked here for reference:

- [Pacific Lamprey Conservation Agreement](#)
- [Bonneville Power Administration \(BPA\)/Northwest Power and Conservation Council \(NPCC\) Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program](#)
- [Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission \(CRITFC\) Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan for the Columbia River Basin – Technical Document](#)

Indicate the objectives in the Pacific Lamprey Conservation Agreement that are addressed by this project (see pages 5-6 in the 2022 Agreement).

1. Identify global issues that are impacting Pacific Lamprey
2. Evaluate Pacific Lamprey population structure
3. Identify and characterize Pacific Lamprey status with RMUs
4. Identify and implement actions to enhance watershed conditions contained within the RMUs
5. Restore Pacific Lamprey within the RMUs and across their range
6. Promote data sharing

7. Promote outreach and education

Clearly describe how the project will address the specific objects listed in the Pacific Lamprey Conservation Agreement indicated above (250 words or less):

Indicate the adult abundance and other population targets for Pacific Lamprey identified in the BPA/NPCC Columbia River Basin Fish & Wildlife Program that are addressed by this project (see page 19 of the 2020 Addendum).

1. Adult Pacific Lamprey abundance target of a three-year rolling average of 200,000 at Bonneville Dam by 2025, progressing toward 1,000,000 by 2035.
2. Reduce the risk of extirpation and improve adult abundance toward sustainable, harvestable levels across the historic distribution and range of Pacific Lamprey in the Columbia basin, including across all six Pacific Lamprey Regional Management Units, measured every five years.
3. Improve passage efficiency for adult Pacific Lamprey to an interim standard of at least 80 percent at each dam on the mainstem Columbia and Snake rivers.
4. For juvenile lamprey, improve passage efficiency and survival progressing towards standards used to measure juvenile salmonid survival.
5. N/A

Clearly describe how the project will address the specific goals and targets listed in the BPA/NPCC Columbia River Basin Fish & Wildlife Program indicated above (250 words or less):

Indicate the objectives in the CRITFC Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan – Technical Document for the Columbia River Basin that are addressed by this project (see pages 29, 101-145).

1. Fix passage, survival, and habitat for Pacific Lamprey in the mainstem Columbia, Snake, and Willamette Rivers.
2. Fix passage problems and protect/restore important habitats in tributaries including the Willamette Valley System.

3. Ensure that Pacific Lamprey and their hosts are protected in the estuary and ocean and improve water quality and reduce (eliminate) contaminants.
4. Monitor, evaluate, and control excessive bird, fish, and mammal predation.
5. Evaluate and significantly reduce (eliminate) contaminant accumulation and improve water quality and quantity for all lamprey life stages.
6. Supplement Pacific Lamprey populations by using adult translocation and reintroduction of all life stages into areas where they have severely declined or are extirpated.
7. Implement appropriate mitigation, resilience, and adaptation actions to protect lamprey populations and their environments.
8. Conduct Pacific Lamprey outreach and education by coordinating with public and private institutions and using a variety of forms to reach all age groups of tribal and non-tribal people.
9. Ensure that the distribution, total abundance, and effective numbers of spawners of Pacific Lamprey in the Columbia River Basin population continues to grow to levels that are self-sustaining and can support tribal harvest and ecological contributions.
10. Develop and implement regional research, monitoring, and adaptive management to (1) inform tribal and regional policy about priority actions and (2) accelerate our ability to implement important actions that will return lamprey populations to historic abundance and distribution.
11. N/A

Clearly describe how the project will address the specific the objectives and actions in the CRITFC Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan – Technical Document for the Columbia River Basin indicated above (250 words or less):

6. EVALUATION AND/OR MONITORING (10 POINTS)

Describe how the project's successful completion will benefit lampreys and will be evaluated and/or monitored over time and provide clear metrics on these benefits. 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 the resulting information will benefit lamprey conservation.

Description of monitoring and evaluation (250 words or less):

7. PROJECT BUDGET (10 POINTS)

Using [BPA's Line Item Budget Template](#) and a short budget narrative, please provide a project budget that includes all aspects (tasks, deliverables, etc.) of the project.

Clearly describe and include all matching funds and/or in-kind services that directly contribute to the project and identify in the budget which project partners are providing this support, to what aspect of the project, and whether the support is secured.

Budget narrative (200 words or less):