PLCI/NFHP FY27 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FY27 Overview

FUNDING AMOUNT:

Up to $175K-200K will be allocated among top ranked restoration and passage improvement projects.

Up to $75K will be allocated among top ranked standalone assessment, education, and outreach projects.

See more below.

ELIGIBILITY

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

WEB RESOURCES

Find your RMU

PLCI Conservation Agreement

NFHPs National Conservation Strategies

PLCI/NFHP RFP Blank Application

NFHP Project Metrics Spreadsheet

NFHP Budget Template

APPLY ONLINE HERE

ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS:

6/15/2026 TO 10/5/2026 (*6:00 PM PDT*)

ALIGNMENT WITH PLCI 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 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 (https://www.pacificlamprey.org/).

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

FY27 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

The following specifies project criteria, timelines, and reporting requirements for PLCI/NFHP FY27 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

$175,000 - $200,000 total

Up to $175-200K will be allocated among top ranked restoration and passage or infrastructure improvement projects.

Up to $75K will be allocated among top ranked *standalone* assessment, education, and outreach projects.

Important Dates

5 OCTOBER 2026:

Project proposals due to PLCI.

OCTOBER 2026:

PLCI review period.

15 NOVEMBER 2026:

PLCI recommends projects to NFHP for NFHP board review.

15 FEBRUARY 2027:

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

15 MAY 2027:

DOI/USFWS review deadline.

TBD:

Final funding amount determined by FY26 federal budget procedure.

SUMMER 2027:

Funding award notifications to selected projects.

NOTE:

These dates are dependent on when the FY27 federal budget is passed & how long it takes for funding to move through USFWS to NFHP.

Restoration and passage or infrastructure improvement projects can include assessment, education, and outreach elements.

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.

REVIEW PROCESS & TIMELINE

Proposals will be reviewed and ranked by representatives from the Steering Committee, Conservation Team, and the Lamprey Technical Workgroup.

PLCI's Co-Chairs, Coordinator, and Steering Committee will approve the ranked list and provide funding recommendations to NFHP.

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

IMPLEMENATION PERIOD

Projects should be able to be implemented in 36 months after contracting is initiated (likely Summer 2027).

CONTRACTING

Projects will be executed through one contract/cooperative agreement between USFWS 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

Reporting requirements will be incorporated into the agreement between the project proponent and USFWS. PLCI may occasionally request updates on the project progress. The project lead will be required to complete periodic progress reporting and a final report following USFWS reporting requirements.

The final 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/261595345234157

Applications must be received electronically by 6:00 PM (PST) Monday, October 5. 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/NFHP FY27 PROPOSAL CRITERIA

BASELINE CRITERIA:

A blank copy of the application is available here.

Applicants must submit their proposals through the online application portal.

Please refrain from overuse of generative AI in developing your application.

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.
- Align with one or more NFHP Conservation Strategies.
- 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 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.

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.

1.3 **Project Metrics** are clearly described, and the project metrics template is completed and uploaded. The project metrics indicate the most important measurable metrics that will be reported on in the final report. Link to download the project metrics template.

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

2. PROJECT FEASIBILITY (15 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. 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:

1. PLCI Conservation Agreement
2. NFHPs National Conservation Strategies

4. 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).

5. 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).

6. SOCIAL BENEFITS (5 POINTS)

The proposed project includes outreach and education to the local or regional community.

The project improves or benefits recreational or tribal fishing opportunities.

The project creates or enhances public access for fish and wildlife dependent recreation.

7. 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, with metrics on these benefits clearly defined. 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.

8. 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/2026/06/FY27-PLCI-NFHP-budget-template_FINAL.xlsx

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

NATIONAL FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative & National Fish Habitat Partnership

FY27 Request for Proposals

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Project Name:

Total funding being requested from PLCI/NFHP:
Please indicate the total funding being requested from PLCI/NFHP for this project.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Lead Project Applicant/Organization:

Recepient 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.

Collaborating Partners:
If there are other collaborating partners you would like to identify, please list them here and indicate their name/entity, role (e.g., funder, labor, landowner, monitoring, coordination, permitting, project evaluation, technical assistance), cash contribution, and/or in-kind

contributions (i.e., non-cash contributions such as services, labor, donated goods, and/or use of equipment).
If you have any questions or more than 8 collaborating partners, email the PLCI Coordinator (gadams@nrccorp.com).

	Name/Entity	Role	Cash Contribution ($)	In-Kind Contribution
Collaborator 1				
Collaborator 2				
Collaborator 3				
Collaborator 4				
Collaborator 5				
Collaborator 6				
Collaborator 7				
Collaborator 8				

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
- Land acquisition/easement
- Other: _____

Identify the primary Lamprey Regional Management Unit (RMU) population addressed:

- 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

If the project will address additional RMUs beyond the one identified above, please identify any others that apply:

- 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
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- 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 4 to expand on linkage to identified threats to Pacific Lamprey and to Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs).
  - Use Section 5 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)

1.3 Project Metrics:

- Provide a brief narrative of your project's metrics and any notable metrics that are not included in the project metrics template. (250 words or less)
- Upload the completed project metrics template. Link to download the project metrics template.

1.4 Project photos, illustrations, designs, and maps

- Upload photos/illustrations, designs, and maps to provide further understanding of the project (up to 3).

2. PROJECT FEASIBILITY (15 POINTS)

- If applicable, have the designs for the project been completed or will they be completed before the planned project is implemented? Please describe the 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 in place before the planned project is implemented (e.g., NEPA, ESA consultation, Scientific Collection, fish health/transport, etc.)? Be prepared to provide documentation upon request. Additional environmental compliance may be triggered because the funding is subject to federal requirements.
- 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. 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
- NFHP's National Conservation Strategies

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

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 National Fish Habitat Partnership's (NFHP) National Conservation Priorities (see link above) that are addressed by this project. Select all that apply.

1. Priority 1: Conserve waters and habitats where all processes and functions are operating within their expected range or natural variation.
2. Priority 2: Conserve hydrologic conditions for fish.
3. Priority 3: Conserve physical and living habitats and features that support viable and sustainable species and/or populations in impacted or at-risk systems.
4. Priority 4: Reconnect fragmented fish habitats.
5. Priority 5: Conserve water quality for fish.
6. Priority 6: Support the structure and function of Fish Habitat Partnerships.
7. Priority 7: Enhance recreational, commercial, subsistence, and traditional fishing opportunities when conducting projects that conserve fish habitat

4. 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):

5. 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):

In addition to Pacific Lamprey, please list any other species that will benefit from this project. Examples: Arctic Lamprey, Western Brook Lamprey, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, etc.

Upload distribution maps and/or surveys.

6. SOCIAL BENEFITS (5 POINTS)

How does this project include outreach and education to the local or regional community? (150 words or less)

Examples include, but are not limited to, public workshops, tours, signs, scientific journal articles, scientific conference presentations, educational forums, professional photo/video development, website content, press releases, newsletters, social media outreach, volunteers, schools, etc. Please include any existing websites, social media handles, etc.

Indicate how this project enhance public access for fish and wildlife dependent recreation.

- Provides new or increased public access
- Intermittent or occasional public access
- Maintains current public access
- Does not provide public access
- Not applicable

Describe how this project affects public access (150 words or less).

Indicate how this project will increase fish populations in a manner that leads to recreational or tribal fishing opportunities. Tribal fishing includes treaty-reserved and tribal harvest, as well as traditional tribal use of fish species.

- Provides direct benefits to recreational or tribal fishing
- Provides indirect benefits to recreational or tribal fishing
- Maintains current recreational or tribal fishing benefits
- Does not clearly provide benefits to recreational or tribal fishing
- Not applicable

Describe how this project affects recreational or tribal fishing opportunities (150 words or less).

7. 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):

If you have a monitoring plan or other document you'd like to upload, please do so.

8. PROJECT BUDGET (10 POINTS)

Use the NFHP 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.

Link to PLCI/NFHP budget template.

Budget Narrative (200 words or less):

Upload the budget for your project using the PLCI/NFHP budget template.