NFHP projects approved for 2012

On June 6, 2012, the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) approved a slate of 90 projects that were proposed and ranked by 17 Fish Habitat Partnerships (FHPs).

FWS made $3,317,200 available for projects that address priorities of FHPs. Seventeen FHPs submitted a total of 136 projects, totaling $6,857,011, with $14,152,403 in match.

Based on the FWS allocation among FHPs and the FHP rankings, the top 90 projects were funded, totaling $3,396,957, with $9,326,317 in match. Since these projects exceed the amount available by $79,757, five projects were partially funded, and will be scaled back or funded from a supplementary source.

The projects were reviewed by a Joint Project Review Team, including members of the National Fish Habitat Board and senior staff from the FWS Fisheries Program. The Team considered whether to recommend re-ordering projects for funding; provided recommendations on improving quality of projects and the review process; and submitted its recommendation to the FWS Director and the National Fish Habitat Board.

Several FHPs requested operational support through the project funds, as allowed under FWS guidance:

- California Fish Passage Forum $60,000
- Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership $31,491
- Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership $14,667
- Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership $107,143 (reduced to $90,000)
- Western Native Trout Initiative $20,000

The following documents are provided for the Board's information and reference:

1. List of projects organized by Fish Habitat Partnership, including all projects submitted for approval
2. List of approved projects organized by State
3. Report of the Joint Project Review Team
4. Western Native Trout Initiative response to the report of the Joint Project Review Team

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Fiscal Year 2012. All Project List by Partnership in priority order. Projects in Red are outside of available funding

Project Name	State	FWS Funds	Partially funded	Partner Match	Cumulative FWS funds	Project Length	NFHAP Strategy
Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership							
ACFHP/NFHAP Fish Habitat Restoration, Restoring the Mangroves of the Indian River Lagoon, South FL	FL	$71,429		$74,375	$71,429	1	4
Atlantic Sturgeon Habitat Restoration, James River, VA-NFHAP/ACFHP	VA	$43,200	*	$159,560	$114,629	1	3
Eelgrass Restoration with Conservation Moorings in Salem Sound and Buzzards Bay, MA NFHAP/ACFHP	MA	$44,766		$32,538	$159,395	2	4
Little Choptank Sanctuary Oyster Reef, MD NFHAP/ACFHP	MD	$48,672		$52,738	$208,067	1.5	4
California Fish Passage Forum							
CFPF - NFHAP - 2012 Coordination and Assistance	CA	$60,000		$0	$60,000	2	1,2,3,4
NFPP Conner Creek Barrier Removal Project (Trinity River Watershed)	CA	$30,000		$535,291	$90,000	1	3, 4
NFHAP – Fishway Construction - Larsen Creek at Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Geronimo, CA	CA	$350,000		$50,000	$440,000	1	3
NFHAP-CFPF - Barrier Removal-Quiota Creek Crossing 7	CA	$398,587		$601,986	$838,587	1	3
NFHAP – Barrier Removal – Bridge & Concrete Sill, Powers Creek-Mad River, Humboldt County, CA	CA	$150,000		$93,000	$988,587	2	3
CFPF - Water and Wine Watershed Stewardship Plan	CA	$100,000		$50,000	$1,088,587	1	1, 3
Driftless Area Restoration Effort							
NFHAP DARE Pigeon Creek Bank Stabilization and Brook Trout Restoration Project, WI	WI	$57,143		$51,000	$57,143	1	1,4
NFHAP DARE Culvert Replacement on Douglas Creek, Black River Watershed, WI	WI	$33,136		$23,195	$90,279	1	1,3,4
NFHAP DARE Culvert Replacement on Big Slough Creek in Trempealeau Watershed, WI	WI	$21,000		$14,000	$111,279	1	1,3,4
NFHAP Borst Valley Creek Bank Stabilization and Brook Trout Restoration Project, WI	WI	$50,000		$83,500	$161,279	1	1,4
NFHAP DARE Swinns Valley Creek, WI	WI	$28,571		$68,000	$189,850	1	1,4
NFHAP DARE Eagle Valley Creek, WI	WI	$21,429		$84,427	$211,279	1	1,4
NFHAP DARE Garrison Grove & Dodge Branch Stream and Grassland Habitat Improvement Project, WI	WI	$57,143		$90,500	$268,421	2	4
NFHAP DARE/Fishers & Farmers Rush/Pine Watershed Farmer-Led Council Pilot Project	MN	$9,979		$31,468	$278,400	3	4
NFHAP DARE Camp Creek Restoration Project, Wisconsin	WI	$57,143		$52,000	$335,543	2	4
NFHAP DARE Little Sugar River Enhancement Project, Wisconsin	WI	$57,143		$72,000	$392,686	2	4
NFHAP DARE Lower Root River Watershed Restoration	MN	$142,857		$300,000	$535,543	2	2,4
Desert Fish Habitat Partnership							
NFHP: DFHP Shoshone Pupfish Pond Construction	CA	$15,000		$15,000	$15,000	1	NA
NFHP: DFHP Condor Canyon Meadow Valley Wash Restoration for Big Spring spinedace	NV	$50,000		$50,000	$65,000	2	2, 3
NFHAP DFHP Alamito Creek Restoration Project	TX	$24,000		$78,000	$89,000	1	2
NFHP: DFHP Lower Weber River Diversion Passage Modification	UT	$1,000		$485,000	$90,000	1	3

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Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture							
Brook Trout Climate Change Vulterability Assessment EBTJV NFHAP	NY, VA, MA, NH, VT, WV, NC, PA, TN, GA	$102,142		$83,500	$102,142	1	NA
EBTJV Connectivity Improvement: Removal of two dams in the Wetmore Run Watershed, Potter County, PA	PA	$71,429		$387,000	$173,571	5	3
Restoration of Native Charr in Big Wadleigh Pond through Maine's NFHAP/EBTJV Conservation Strategy	ME	$65,729		$126,046	$239,300	1	1
Jam Black Brook Culvert Replacement. Searsmont ME-EBTJV-NFHAP	ME	$57,858		$193,700	$297,158	1	3
Nash Stream restoration b/t Emerson Brook & Long Mountain Brook, Coos Co, Stratford,NH NFHAP / EBTJV	NH	$71,429		$336,280	$368,587	1	2
Culvert replacement and instream habitat restoration in the Nulhegan River, VT NFHAP/EBTJV	VT	$71,429		$429,800	$440,016	5	3
Oats Run Brook Trout Passage Project Pocahontas County WV EBTJV NFHAP	WV	$71,429		$230,000	$511,445	1	3
EBTJV: Wolf Laurel Branch culvert replacement	NC	$71,429	*	$247,000	$582,874	1	3
EBTJV NFHAP St. Mary's Re-Liming Project, Augusta County VA	VA	$42,857		$120,000	$625,731	1	NA
White Lot Brook Large Woody Debris Placement, North Conway, Carrole County, NH NFHAP EBTJV	NH	$47,071		$57,200	$672,802	1	3
NFPP Restoring Brook Trout Connectivity on Spring Run and Fishing Creek, PA via Culvert Replacement	PA	$42,857		$30,000	$715,659	4	3
Habitat Enhancement & Barrier Assessment Martin Stream/Nezinscot River, ME: NFHAP/EBTJV	ME	$33,804		$23,785	$749,463	1	3
EBTJV NFHAP Phase 2 Brook Trout Restoration in Garth Run, Madison County, VA	VA	$28,571		$25,000	$778,034	1	2
Aldrich Brook Reconnection Project. A NFHAP project for the EBTJV in Maine	ME	$14,286		$32,700	$792,320	1	3
EBTJV Glade Run Alkaline Sand Addition Project Dunbar, PA	PA	$14,286		$11,500	$806,606	3	NA
Meduxnekeag Watershed, ME in-stream habitat restoration: A NFHAP project for the EBTJV	ME	$64,989		$122,050	$871,595	1	2
Sandy Run Watershed PA EBTJV Mine Drainage Remediation	PA	$7,143		$5,000	$878,738	2	NA
West Brook trib (Mitchell Brook) Culvert Replacement, Whately, Franklin Co., MA NFHAP EBTJV	MA	$71,429		$142,150	$950,167	1	3
EBTJV Rock Run PA Water Quality Restoration	PA	$71,429		$550,814	$1,021,596	5	NA
EBTJV Morgan Run, PA Water Quality Restoration	PA	$71,429		$782,700	$1,093,025	5	NA

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Fishers and Farmers Partnership - Upper Mississippi River Basin							
NFHAP Lower Bourbeuse & Middle Meramec Aquatic Conservation Opportunity Areas Landowner Partnerships	MO	$42,857		$30,000	$42,857	>5	1
NFHAP Fishers and Farmers Boone River Watershed Oxbow Restoration Project, IA	IA	$12,143		$15,000	$55,000	3	3, 4
2011 NFHAP Fishers & Farmers Seven Mile Creek Watershed Program, MN	MN	$28,000		$68,680	$83,000	1	1,4
NFHAP DARE/Fishers & Farmers Rush/Pine Watershed Farmer-Led Council Pilot Project	MN	$7,000		$21,468	$90,000	3	4
NFHAP DARE/Fishers & Farmers Rush/Pine Watershed Farmer-Led Council Pilot Project	MN	$14,286		$0	$104,286	NA	4
2011 NFHAP Fishers & Farmers Seven Mile Creek Watershed Program, MN	MN	$39,943		$0	$144,229	NA	1, 4
NFHAP Fishers and Farmers Boone River Watershed Oxbow Restoration Project, IA	IA	$4,286		$15,000	$148,514	NA	3, 4
Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership							
GLBFHP - STH 13 Raspberry River Culvert Replacement Project	WI	$90,000		$237,000	$90,000	2	3, 4
NFHAP-Avon Creek Restoration – Phase III	MI	$119,286		$104,375	$209,286	1	4
Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership							
NFHAP Hi Lonesome Prairie Riparian Fencing	MO	$1,100		$1,100	$1,100	1	3
NFHP-Remove Correll Dam, KS - Restore access to 31 miles habitat for native fish & rec-fishing.	KS	$50,000		$81,223	$51,100	1	3
Turtle River Habitat Enhancement Using Lunkers	ND	$3,000		$19,370	$54,100	1	1, 3
Pumpkin Creek Riparian Restoration NFHP	MT	$15,000		$40,000	$69,100	1	3
NFPP Replace 142-Mile Creek culvert - gain 7.2 mi stream habitat for endangered Topeka Shiner	KS	$20,000		$60,000	$89,100	5	3
NFHAP: Gimlet Creek SD Stream Crossing Rehabilitation Black Hills NF	SD	$15,000	*	$50,500	$104,100	1	3
NFPP Modifying Weir on West Fork 102 River in Taylor County, Iowa to Improve Fish Passage	IA	$168,000		$210,000	$272,100	2	3
River and Riparian Conservation on the Lower Heart River North Dakota NFHAP	ND	$20,000		$30,000	$292,100	3	3
Hawaii Fish Habitat Partnership							
HFHP NFHAP FY12 Restoration of tsunami-damaged anchialine pools at Kaloko Honokohau Nat. Hist. Park	HI	$45,000		$20,000	$45,000	2	2, 4
HFHP NFHAP FY12 Vulnerability assessment of Hawaiian streams: A state-wide decision support tool	HI	$20,000		$142,360	$65,000	2	1, 3
HFHP NFHAP FY12 Stream and estuary habitat enhancement for native Hawaiian fish and shrimp species	HI	$25,000		$27,000	$90,000	2	4

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Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership							
NFHAP - Cook Inletkeeper Stream Temperature Monitoring Network	AK	$21,700		$21,700	$21,700	1	1
NFHAP - Science-based Land Conservation Phase I	AK	$30,452		$21,247	$52,152	3	1
NFHAP - Kenai Peninsula Science and Conservation Symposium	AK	$25,000		$25,000	$77,152	1	1
NFHAP -Improve instream habitat by removing potential hazardous wastes, vehicles and related debris	AK	$12,848		$75,000	$90,000	1	3
NFHAP - Develop NHD and NHDPlus capability for the Anchor River watershed as a pilot project	AK	$70,000		$25,000	$160,000	2	1
Matanuska Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership							
NFHAP - Matanuska River Clearwater Side Channel Conservation Project	AK	$38,000		$38,000	$38,000	2	1
NFHAP - 2012 Mat-Su Water Reservation Program Flow Data Acquisition	AK	$53,000		$55,828	$91,000	2	1
NFHAP - Mat-Su Stream Temperature Monitoring Network	AK	$23,300		$23,300	$114,300	1	1
NFHAP - USSWCD Riparian Revegetation and Shoreline Rehabilitation at Montana Creek	AK	$21,908		$22,221	$136,208	1	1
NFHAP - Inventory and Fish Distribution in the Mat-Su Basin, 2012 -CVTC	AK	$39,357		$54,500	$175,565	1	1
NFHAP Fisheries - Inventory of Fish Distribution in the Mat-Su Basin, 2012 - FWS	AK	$23,208		$54,500	$198,773	1	1
NFHAP - Juvenile Salmon Use of Knik Arm Estuaries	AK	$33,223		$15,319	$231,996	2	1
NFHAP - WSWCD Swiftwater Creek ATV/ORV Outreach and Restoration Pilot Project, Mat-Su, Alaska	AK	$14,150		$18,970	$246,146	1	3
NFHAP - Salmon Habitat Restoration in the Knik River Public Use Area, Mat-Su, Alaska	AK	$30,150		$30,150	$276,296	1	1
NFHAP - Sunshine Creek Fish Passage Project	AK	$2,104		$100,000	$278,400	2	3
NFHAP - Aquaria and Displays for the Salmon Education Center	AK	$40,452		$60,369	$318,852	1	1
NFHAP Fisheries - Distribution of Juvenile Coho Salmon in Fish Creek, AK	AK	$100,342		$108,959	$419,194	1	1
Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership							
NFPP-NFHAP MGLP Portage Creek Dam Removal and Restoration Project, MN	MN	$14,286		$98,000	$14,286	2	3
MGLP Near Shore Woody Habitat Restoration-Long Lake, Chippewa County, WI.	WI	$19,651		$13,756	$33,937	1	NA
Working to meet NFHAP Goals and Objectives through the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership	MN, IN, WI, ND, SD, MI, IA, IL	$31,491		$45,000	$65,428	1	1,2,3,4
MGLP Greenbelt Workshops for Lakefront Property Owners in Northern Michigan.	MI	$24,571		$10,348	$90,000	1	4
MGLP Large Wood Restoration on Inland Lakes of Bayfield and Douglas Counties, WI.	WI	$25,714		$18,000	$115,714	1	NA
MGLP Assessment of Cisco Habitat in Indiana Glacial Lakes	IN	$42,857		$30,010	$158,571	1	1
MGLP Duck Lake, Allegan County, MI clean water initiative.	MI	$42,857		$30,000	$201,428	1	NA

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Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership							
NFHAP: Oil Creek Fish Habitat Restoration, PA	PA	$42,857		$71,750	$42,857	5	1,2,4
NFHAP: "Ramping" up to Control Hydrilla on the Ohio River	OH, IN, WV, PA, KY, IL	$32,476		$22,733	$75,333	4	1
NFHAP - Coordination, Assessment, and Outreach for the Ohio River Basin FHP	NY, VA, MD, OH, IN, WV, NC, PA, TN, KY, IL	$14,667		$0	$90,000	1	1
NFHAP: Strodes Creek Wetlands Restoration (KY)	KY	$42,857		$32,000	$132,858	1	1,4
Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership							
Hurley Creek/McKinley Lake Water Quality Project	IA	$15,000		$0	$15,000	1.7	4
Smithville Lake Habitat Enhancement Partnership	MO	$15,000		$147,794	$30,000	1	3
Meeting NFHAP restoration goals: Reestablishing native aquatic vegetation in Lake Ouachita, Arkansas	AR	$10,000		$39,680	$40,000	1	N/A
Creation of Freshwater Fish Habitat at Fellsmere Water Management Area	FL	$10,000		$387,000	$50,000	1.5	N/A
Riparian Habitat Restoration & Fisheries and Aquatic Species Enhancement at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir	NC	$15,000		$11,820	$65,000	1	N/A
Aquatic Rehabilitation Impacts on Reservoir Food Webs	NE	$5,000		$0	$70,000	3	N/A
Pilot Project to Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Vegetation Islands to Control Golden Alga Bloom	NM	$10,000		$38,600	$80,000	3	4
Littoral habitat enhancement at F.J. Sayers Reservoir	PA	$10,000		$16,530	$90,000	1	N/A
Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership							
NFHAP: SARP Operational Support	AL, LA, MO, FL, VA, MS, OK, SC, AR, NC, TX, TN, KY, GA	$90,000		$0	$90,000	1	1,2,3,4
NFHAP: Restoraton of connectivity to Coal Pile, a backwater of the Arkansas River	AR	$88,572		$106,600	$178,572	1	1,4
NFHAP: Pelican Point Shoreline Protection and Habitat Restoration Project	AL	$112,589		$78,812	$291,161	1	2
NFHAP: Restoration of a backwater of the Arkansas River, Rector Chute	AR	$100,000		$139,000	$391,161	1	1,4
NFHAP:Stream bank & riparian restoration along the Wild and Scenic Cossatot River on the Ouachita NF	AR	$30,000		$21,840	$421,161	1	2,4
NFHAP: Restoration of Essential Habitats for Juvenile Tarpon and Snook	FL	$146,459	*	$103,975	$567,620	1	2,4

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NFHAP: Oyster habitat restoration and capacity building for future oyster restoration in SC: Ph II	SC	$102,357		$72,744	$669,977	1	2,4
NFHAP: Restoration of Riparian Lands and In-Stream Habitat in the Ouachita Ecoregion	AR	$108,460		$110,313	$778,437	1	2,4
NFHAP: St. Catherine Creek Biological Monitoring in Support of Landscape Model Development	MS	$71,429		$75,000	$849,866	1	1
NFHAP: Restoring connectivity to secondary channels in the lower Mississippi River	MS	$107,143		$118,000	$957,009	1	1
NFHAP: Chipola River Watershed Restoration for Listed Mussels and Black Bass Initiative	FL, AL	$71,429		$53,000	$1,028,438	1	1
Monitoring selected water quality parameters on the Saint Marys River addressing NFHAP goals.	FL, GA	$29,286		$20,500	$1,057,724	1	1
Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership							
SWAK NFHAP-Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership Fish Passage Assessment Program	AK	$37,819		$17,400	$37,819	3	1
SWAK NFHAP-Togiak River Chinook Salmon Habitat Use and Genetic Analysis	AK	$31,635		$80,143	$69,454	2	1
SWAK NFHAP-Baseline Data Collection & Monitoring of Headwater Streams in Nushagak and Kvichak Rivers	AK	$30,546		$30,546	$100,000	2	1
SWAK NFHAP-Baseline Data Collection & Monitoring of Headwater Streams in Nushagak and Kvichak Rivers	AK	$69,454		$69,454	$169,454	2	1
Western Native Trout Initiative							
WNTI Small Grant Funding program	CA, MT, ID, WY, NV, CO, NM, WA, OR, AZ, AK	$15,000		$30,000	$15,000	1	1,2,3,4
WNTI 2013 Operations Funding	CA, MT, ID, WY, NV, CO, NM, WA, OR, AZ, AK	$20,000		$10,000	$35,000	1	1,2,3,4
WNTI FY12: Mabel Creek (Youngs River) resident cutthroat trout passage and habitat restoration	OR	$27,000		$401,850	$62,000	2	3, 4
NFPP, Weber River watershed improvements to enhance BCT habitat beyond 3 restrictive barriers	UT	$78,500		$115,000	$140,500	1	3
NFHAP:WNTI: Assessment of potential Gila Trout Restoration Streams impacted by the Wallow Fire	AZ	$40,000		$13,000	$180,500	1	1

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NFHAP Native Colorado River Cutthroat restoration in the Middle Fork Sheep Creek Drainage Utah.	UT	$72,000		$90,000	$252,500	1	1
NFPP FY10 YCT#1 - Chadbourne Dam fish passage project, Yellowstone River Basin, Montana (YSRC)	MT	$50,000		$270,000	$302,500	3	3
WNTI Little Kern Golden Trout Population Assessment and Post-Fire Monitoring/Habitat Assessment	CA	$40,000		$115,000	$342,500	2	1
Genetic analysis of Great Basin Redband Trout	OR	$70,134		$1,293,000	$412,634	1	3
Restoring genetically pure Westslope Cutthroat trout to Elkhorn Creek, MT NFHI FY10 WCT#2	MT	$25,000		$77,062	$437,634	4	1,3
NFHAP - Protecting Lacustrine Habitat for Coastal Cutthroat through Reservation of Water in SE AK.	AK	$39,500		$39,000	$477,134	2	1
WNTI- Jocko River (Bison Range Reach) Native Trout Restoration; Flathead Indian Reservation, Montana	MT, ID	$40,000		$130,000	$517,134	3	1
Barrier construction on tributaries to the Rio Hondo, NM For Rio Grande cutthroat trout per WNTI	NM	$20,000		$10,000	$537,134	1	1
Genetic assessment of extant Rio Grande cutt. trout populations in Colorado. FY10 RGC #2. NFHAP	CO	$23,800	*	$5,000	$560,934	3	1
WNTI- Jocko River (Bison Range Reach) Native Trout Restoration; Flathead Indian Reservation, Montana	MT, ID	$106,817		$130,000	$667,751	3	1
WNTI FY 12 Tenas Creek Riparian Restoration, Suiattle River, WA	WA	$55,000		$17,700	$722,751	1	1
Habitat assessment of the West Fork Mogollon Creek for Gila trout per WNTI priorities	NM	$30,000		$10,000	$752,751	3	1
NFHAP WNTI Milk Creek Native Colorado Cutthroat Trout Habitat Restoration. FY11#1 NFHAP	CO	$103,500		$167,500	$856,251	2	1,2
WNTI FY12 Improving spawning and habitat for Bonneville cutthroat trout in the Bear River basin.	ID	$14,980		$111,001	$871,231	1	4

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State	Congressional District	Fish Habitat Partnership	Project Name	FWS funds	Partial Funding	Partner Match
Alabama	AL01	SARP	NFHAP: Pelican Point Shoreline Protection and Habitat Restoration Project	$112,589		$78,812
ALABAMA TOTALS				$112,589		$78,812
Alaska	AK00	KPFHP	NFHAP - Cook Inletkeeper Stream Temperature Monitoring Network	$21,700		$21,700
Alaska	AK00	KPFHP	NFHAP - Science-based Land Conservation Phase I	$30,452		$21,247
Alaska	AK00	KPFHP	NFHAP - Kenai Peninsula Science and Conservation Symposium	$25,000		$25,000
Alaska	AK00	KPFHP	NFHAP -Improve instream habitat by removing potential hazardous wastes, vehicles and related debris	$12,848		$75,000
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - Matanuska River Clearwater Side Channel Conservation Project	$38,000		$38,000
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - 2012 Mat-Su Water Reservation Program Flow Data Acquisition	$53,000		$55,828
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - Mat-Su Stream Temperature Monitoring Network	$23,300		$23,300
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - USSWCD Riparian Revegetation and Shoreline Rehabilitation at Montana Creek	$21,908		$22,221
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - Inventory and Fish Distribution in the Mat-Su Basin, 2012 -CVTC	$39,357		$54,500
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP Fisheries - Inventory of Fish Distribution in the Mat-Su Basin, 2012 - FWS	$23,208		$54,500
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - Juvenile Salmon Use of Knik Arm Estuaries	$33,223		$15,319
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - WSWCD Swiftwater Creek ATV/ORV Outreach and Restoration Pilot Project, Mat-Su, Alaska	$14,150		$18,970
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - Salmon Habitat Restoration in the Knik River Public Use Area, Mat-Su, Alaska	$30,150		$30,150
Alaska	AK00	Mat-Su	NFHAP - Sunshine Creek Fish Passage Project	$2,104		$100,000
Alaska	AK00	SWAK	SWAK NFHAP-Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership Fish Passage Assessment Program	$37,819		$17,400
Alaska	AK00	SWAK	SWAK NFHAP-Togiak River Chinook Salmon Habitat Use and Genetic Analysis	$31,635		$80,143
Alaska	AK00	SWAK	SWAK NFHAP-Baseline Data Collection & Monitoring of Headwater Streams in Nushagak and Kvichak Rivers	$30,546		$30,546
Alaska	AK00	WNTI	NFHAP - Protecting Lacustrine Habitat for Coastal Cutthroat through Reservation of Water in SE AK.	$39,500		$39,000
ALASKA TOTALS				$507,900		$722,824
Arizona	AZ01	WNTI	NFHAP:WNTI: Assessment of potential Gila Trout Restoration Streams impacted by the Wallow Fire	$40,000		$13,000
ARIZONA TOTALS				$40,000		$13,000
Arkansas	AR04	RFHP	Meeting NFHAP restoration goals: Reestablishing native aquatic vegetation in Lake Ouachita, Arkansas	$10,000		$39,680
Arkansas	AR01	SARP	NFHAP: Restoraton of connectivity to Coal Pile, a backwater of the Arkansas River	$88,572		$106,600
Arkansas	AR02	SARP	NFHAP: Restoration of a backwater of the Arkansas River, Rector Chute	$100,000		$139,000
Arkansas	AR02, AR04	SARP	NFHAP: Restoration of Riparian Lands and In-Stream Habitat in the Ouachita Ecoregion	$108,460		$110,313
ARKANSAS TOTALS				$307,032		$395,593
California	CA 01-53	CFPF	CFPF - NFHAP - 2012 Coordination and Assistance	$60,000		$0
California	CA02	CFPF	NFPP Conner Creek Barrier Removal Project (Trinity River Watershed)	$30,000		$535,291
California	CA25	DFHP	NFHP: DFHP Shoshone Pupfish Pond Construction	$15,000		$15,000
California	CA21	WNTI	WNTI Little Kern Golden Trout Population Assessment and Post-Fire Monitoring/Habitat Assessment	$40,000		$115,000
CALIFORNIA TOTALS				$145,000		$665,291
Colorado	CO03	WNTI	Genetic assessment of extant Rio Grande cutt. trout populations in Colorado. FY10 RGC #2. NFHAP	$23,800	*	$5,000
COLORADO TOTALS				$23,800		$5,000
Florida	FL15, FL16	ACFHP	ACFHP/NFHAP Fish Habitat Restoration, Restoring the Mangroves of the Indian River Lagoon, South FL	$71,429		$74,375
Florida	FL15	RFHP	Creation of Freshwater Fish Habitat at Fellsmere Water Management Area	$10,000		$387,000
Florida	FL14	SARP	NFHAP: Restoration of Essential Habitats for Juvenile Tarpon and Snook	$146,459	*	$103,975
FLORIDA TOTALS				$227,888		$565,350

Hawaii	HI02	HFHP	HFHP NFHAP FY12 Restoration of tsunami-damaged anchialine pools at Kaloko Honokohau Nat. Hist. Park	$45,000		$20,000
Hawaii	HI01, HI02	HFHP	HFHP NFHAP FY12 Vulnerability assessment of Hawaiian streams: A state-wide decision support tool	$20,000		$142,360
Hawaii	HI02	HFHP	HFHP NFHAP FY12 Stream and estuary habitat enhancement for native Hawaiian fish and shrimp species	$25,000		$27,000
HAWAII TOTALS				$90,000		$189,360
Iowa	IA04	F&FP	NFHAP Fishers and Farmers Boone River Watershed Oxbow Restoration Project, IA	$12,143		$15,000
Iowa	IA03	RFHP	Hurley Creek/McKinley Lake Water Quality Project	$15,000		$0
IOWA TOTALS				$27,143		$15,000
Kansas	KS01, KS02, KS03, KS04	GPFHP	NFHP-Remove Correll Dam, KS - Restore access to 31 miles habitat for native fish & rec-fishing.	$50,000		$81,223
Kansas	KS01	GPFHP	NFPP Replace 142-Mile Creek culvert - gain 7.2 mi stream habitat for endangered Topeka Shiner	$20,000		$60,000
KANSAS TOTALS				$70,000		$141,223
Maine	ME02	EBTJV	Restoration of Native Charr in Big Wadleigh Pond through Maine's NFHAP/EBTJV Conservation Strategy	$65,729		$126,046
Maine	ME02	EBTJV	Jam Black Brook Culvert Replacement. Searsmont ME-EBTJV-NFHAP	$57,858		$193,700
MAINE TOTALS				$123,587		$319,746
Michigan	MI01	MGLP	MGLP Greenbelt Workshops for Lakefront Property Owners in Northern Michigan.	$24,571		$10,348
MICHIGAN TOTALS				$24,571		$10,348
Minnesota	MN01	DARE	NFHAP DARE/Fishers & Farmers Rush/Pine Watershed Farmer-Led Council Pilot Project	$9,979		$31,468
Minnesota	MN01	F&FP	2011 NFHAP Fishers & Farmers Seven Mile Creek Watershed Program, MN	$28,000		$68,680
Minnesota	MN01	F&FP	NFHAP DARE/Fishers & Farmers Rush/Pine Watershed Farmer-Led Council Pilot Project	$7,000		$21,468
Minnesota	MN08	MGLP	NFPP-NFHAP MGLP Portage Creek Dam Removal and Restoration Project, MN	$14,286		$98,000
MINNESOTA TOTALS				$59,264		$219,616
Missouri	MO08, MO09	F&FP	NFHAP Lower Bourbeuse & Middle Meramec Aquatic Conservation Opportunity Areas Landowner Partnerships	$42,857		$30,000
Missouri	MO04	GPFHP	NFHAP Hi Lonesome Prairie Riparian Fencing	$1,100		$1,100
Missouri	MO04, MO05	RFHP	Smithville Lake Habitat Enhancement Partnership	$15,000		$147,794
MISSOURI TOTALS				$58,957		$178,894
Montana	MT00	GPFHP	Pumpkin Creek Riparian Restoration NFHP	$15,000		$40,000
Montana	MT00	WNTI	NFPP FY10 YCT#1 - Chadbourne Dam fish passage project, Yellowstone River Basin, Montana (YSRC)	$50,000		$270,000
Montana	MT00	WNTI	Restoring genetically pure Westslope Cutthroat trout to Elkhorn Creek, MT NFHI FY10 WCT#2	$25,000		$77,062
Montana, Idaho	MT00, ID01, ID02	WNTI	WNTI- Jocko River (Bison Range Reach) Native Trout Restoration; Flathead Indian Reservation, Montana	$40,000		$130,000
MONTANA TOTALS				$90,000		$387,062
Nebraska	NE03	RFHP	Aquatic Rehabilitation Impacts on Reservoir Food Webs	$5,000		$0
NEBRASKA TOTALS				$5,000		$0
Nevada	NV02	DFHP	NFHP: DFHP Condor Canyon Meadow Valley Wash Restoration for Big Spring spinedace	$50,000		$50,000
NEVADA TOTALS				$50,000		$50,000
New Hampshire	NH02	EBTJV	Nash Stream restoration b/t Emerson Brook & Long Mountain Brook, Coos Co, Stratford,NH NFHAP / EBTJV	$71,429		$336,280
NEW HAMPSHIRE TOTALS				$71,429		$336,280
New Mexico	NM02	RFHP	Pilot Project to Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Vegetation Islands to Control Golden Alga Bloom	$10,000		$38,600
New Mexico	NM03	WNTI	Barrier construction on tributaries to the Rio Hondo, NM For Rio Grande cutthroat trout per WNTI	$20,000		$10,000
NEW MEXICO TOTALS				$30,000		$48,600
North Carolina	NC11	EBTJV	EBTJV: Wolf Laurel Branch culvert replacement	$71,429	*	$247,000
North Carolina	NC07	RFHP	Riparian Habitat Restoration & Fisheries and Aquatic Species Enhancement at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir	$15,000		$11,820
NORTH CAROLINA TOTALS				$86,429		$258,820
North Dakota	ND00	GPFHP	Turtle River Habitat Enhancement Using Lunkers	$3,000		$19,370

NORTH DAKOTA TOTALS				$3,000		$19,370
Oregon	OR01	WNTI	WNTI FY12: Mabel Creek (Youngs River) resident cutthroat trout passage and habitat restoration	$27,000		$401,850
Oregon	OR02	WNTI	Genetic analysis of Great Basin Redband Trout	$70,134		$1,293,000
OREGON TOTALS				$97,134		$1,694,850
Pennsylvania	PA05	EBTJV	EBTJV Connectivity Improvement: Removal of two dams in the Wetmore Run Watershed, Potter County, PA	$71,429		$387,000
Pennsylvania	PA05	ORBFHP	NFHAP: Oil Creek Fish Habitat Restoration, PA	$42,857		$71,750
Pennsylvania	PA05	RFHP	Littoral habitat enhancement at F.J. Sayers Reservoir	$10,000		$16,530
PENNSYLVANIA TOTALS				$124,286		$475,280
South Dakota	SD00	GPFHP	NFHAP: Gimlet Creek SD Stream Crossing Rehabilitation Black Hills NF	$15,000	*	$50,500
SOUTH DAKOTA TOTALS				$15,000		$50,500
Texas	TX23	DFHP	NFHAP DFHP Alamito Creek Restoration Project	$24,000		$78,000
TEXAS TOTALS				$24,000		$78,000
Utah	UT01, UT02	DFHP	NFHP: DFHP Lower Weber River Diversion Passage Modification	$1,000		$485,000
Utah	UT01	WNTI	NFPP, Weber River watershed improvements to enhance BCT habitat beyond 3 restrictive barriers	$78,500		$115,000
Utah	UT02	WNTI	NFHAP Native Colorado River Cutthroat restoration in the Middle Fork Sheep Creek Drainage Utah.	$72,000		$90,000
UTAH TOTALS				$151,500		$690,000
Vermont	VT00	EBTJV	Culvert replacement and instream habitat restoration in the Nulhegan River, VT NFHAP/EBTJV	$71,429		$429,800
VERMONT TOTALS				$71,429		$429,800
Virginia	VA04	ACFHP	Atlantic Sturgeon Habitat Restoration, James River, VA-NFHAP/ACFHP	$43,200	*	$159,560
VIRGINIA TOTALS				$43,200		$159,560
West Virginia	WV02	EBTJV	Oats Run Brook Trout Passage Project Pocahontas County WV EBTJV NFHAP	$71,429		$230,000
WEST VIRGINIA TOTALS				$71,429		$230,000
Wisconsin	WI03	DARE	NFHAP DARE Pigeon Creek Bank Stabilization and Brook Trout Restoration Project, WI	$57,143		$51,000
Wisconsin	WI03	DARE	NFHAP DARE Culvert Replacement on Douglas Creek, Black River Watershed, WI	$33,136		$23,195
Wisconsin	WI03	DARE	NFHAP DARE Culvert Replacement on Big Slough Creek in Trempealeau Watershed, WI	$21,000		$14,000
Wisconsin	WI03	DARE	NFHAP Borst Valley Creek Bank Stabilization and Brook Trout Restoration Project, WI	$50,000		$83,500
Wisconsin	WI03	DARE	NFHAP DARE Swinns Valley Creek, WI	$28,571		$68,000
Wisconsin	WI03	DARE	NFHAP DARE Eagle Valley Creek, WI	$21,429		$84,427
Wisconsin	WI03	DARE	NFHAP DARE Garrison Grove & Dodge Branch Stream and Grassland Habitat Improvement Project, WI	$57,143		$90,500
Wisconsin	WI07	GLBFHP	GLBFHP - STH 13 Raspberry River Culvert Replacement Project	$90,000		$237,000
Wisconsin	WI07	MGLP	MGLP Near Shore Woody Habitat Restoration-Long Lake, Chippewa County, WI.	$19,651		$13,756
WISCONSIN TOTALS				$378,073		$665,378
NY, VA, MA, NH, VT, WV, NC, PA, TN, GA	Many	EBTJV	Brook Trout Climate Change Vulterability Assessment EBTJV NFHAP	$102,142		$83,500
MN, IN, WI, ND, SD, MI, IA, IL	Many	MGLP	Working to meet NFHAP Goals and Objectives through the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership	$31,491		$45,000
OH, IN, WV, PA, KY, IL	Many	ORBFHP	NFHAP: "Ramping" up to Control Hydrilla on the Ohio River	$32,476		$22,733
NY, VA, MD, OH, IN, WV, NC, PA, TN, KY, IL	Many	ORBFHP	NFHAP - Coordination, Assessment, and Outreach for the Ohio River Basin FHP	$14,667		$0
AL, LA, MO, FL, VA, MS, OK, SC, AR, NC, TX, TN, KY, GA	Many	SARP	NFHAP: SARP Operational Support	$90,000		$0
CA, MT, ID, WY, NV, CO, NM, WA, OR, AZ, AK	Many	WNTI	WNTI Small Grant Funding program	$15,000		$30,000
CA, MT, ID, WY, NV, CO, NM, WA, OR, AZ, AK	Many	WNTI	WNTI 2013 Operations Funding	$20,000		$10,000

Report of the Joint Project Review Team
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service / National Fish Habitat Board
National Fish Habitat Partnership
May 2012

In 2012 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will provide funding to support projects that protect, restore, or enhance fish and aquatic habitats, or otherwise directly support habitat-related priorities of 17 Fish Habitat Partnerships.

A national review of proposed projects was done by a joint FWS / Board Project Review Team. Members of the Team were:

- Steve Perry, New Hampshire Department of Fish & Game, Board Vice-chair
- Krystyna Wolniakowski, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Board member
- Mike Andrews, The Nature Conservancy, Board member
- Jaime Geiger, Assistant Regional Director-Fisheries, Region 5
- Steve Klosiewski, Deputy Assistant Regional Director-Fisheries & Ecological Services, Region 7
- Doug Damberg, Acting Deputy Chief, Division of Fisheries & Aquatic Resource Conservation, Washington Office

The Team was staffed by Tom Busiahn, FWS NFHP Coordinator.

Each Team member received electronic files containing:

- Lists of projects as ranked by each FWS Region and FHP, including more projects than can be funded from available funds.
- Narrative descriptions of individual projects from FWS' Fisheries Operational Needs System (FONS).
- FWS Director's guidance on selecting and submitting projects for approval.

The Team met by telephone and web conference on May 25, 2012. The Team reviewed its charge, i.e. to review projects submitted and ranked by Fish Habitat Partnerships (through the FWS Regions); consider whether to recommend re-ordering projects for funding; provide recommendations on improving quality of projects and the review process; submit recommendation to the FWS Director and the National Fish Habitat Board.

<u>General comments and recommendations</u>

The Team recommends that the slate of projects be approved for implementation as submitted, with one exception noted below. Additional information is requested on three projects.

The Team expressed the view that project descriptions have improved over previous years, but also stressed the need for continued improvement in describing clear outcomes and overarching strategies in project proposals. FHPs should consider more targeted themes in the projects they solicit and recommend in a given year, so that projects can address larger strategic issues, and are

not just disconnected pieces. Continuing improvements are needed in project narratives, and also in project titles, some of which do not clearly describe the nature of the project.

Projects that are related to each other (e.g. Weber River projects from Desert FHP and WNTI) should clearly describe their linkages. The Team commends the FHPs for working together, but is concerned about possible double-counting of funds and performance measures in these and similarly related projects.

Due to the late date in the fiscal year and imminent contracting and acquisition deadlines, some projects may not be implemented in 2012. In those cases, the Service should ensure that FY 2012 funds are be carried over into 2013 and obligated as soon as practicable to achieve project goals.

Several FHPs propose to use project funds for operations, as allowed by FWS guidance. Most of those proposals lacked necessary detail on what would be done with the funds, and how operational support would increase conservation delivery results over what could otherwise be achieved. The Service's guidance should require this information be provided in future years as a pre-requisite to receiving operational funds.

The Team noted numerous projects whose length exceeds one year, and notes the importance of documenting annual accomplishments of multi-year projects. The Service's Accomplishment Module database is the proper repository for this information.

Some proposed projects might be better suited to funding sources other than the Service's limited NFHP funds (e.g. invasive plant control). The team encourages FHPs to look at the full range of possibilities for funding projects, to maximize the effectiveness of funds dedicated to NFHP.

Some FHPs evidently reduced the scope of individual projects in order to fit all of their projects within the amount of funds available. The Team has strong reservations about this approach. Spreading limited funds in this way is likely to reduce the effectiveness of the projects and of the FHP, and is inconsistent with the NFHP approach to conservation, which is to focus on priorities rather than spread resources thinly across the landscape. FHPs are strongly discouraged from using this approach.

The amount of matching funds generated by some FHPs is of concern. The match ratio for funded projects by FHP ranges from a high of 7.13 to a low of 0.79. All but one FHP had a match ratio greater than 1.0. FHPs with low matching funds should expand the scope of partnerships to increase their matches.

<u>Comments and recommendations on specific projects</u>

The Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership requested $107,143 for SARP operational support, exceeding the Service's guidance of "up to $90,000 per FHP". The Team recommends that the request be funded at the maximum of $90,000 and that funds in excess of that amount be put toward a fish habitat conservation project that addresses SARP's conservation goals.

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture requested funds for a brook trout climate change vulnerability assessment. Several Team members are aware and supportive of this project, but documentation is sparse. Additional description should be provided for the record to the Service's national NFHP coordinator and in the FONS database.

The Western Native Trout Initiative and Desert Fish Habitat Partnership should work with Region 6 of the Service to clarify and verify the various contributions toward their related projects on the Weber River, Utah. This information should be provided for the record to the Service's national NFHP coordinator and in the FONS database.

The Hawaii Fish Habitat Partnership requested funds for a project to enhance stream and estuary habitats by reducing nutrient and sediment loading using floating racks of plants. The proposal states that temperature and salinity would be monitored, but does not mention monitoring of nutrients or sediments. Clarification on monitoring should be provided for the record to the Service's national NFHP coordinator and in the FONS database.

The Western Native Trout Initiative requested funds for a small grant funding program. The Team is concerned that the costs of administering a small grant program exceed its benefits, and that the performance of a small grant program cannot be predicted or measured. Such a program may be valuable to some partners, but also adds another layer of bureaucracy. In order to reduce administrative costs and to tie projects directly to FHP strategic priorities, the Team strongly recommends that WNTI substitute a different project for the small grant funding program (e.g. a Bonneville cutthroat project that has a similar cost). With this recommendation, the Team hopes to head off any future proposals for small grant programs under the Service's NFHP funds.

Transmitted by e-mail, June 1, 2012, from Robin Knox, Coordinator, Western Native Trout Initiative

To the National Fish Habitat Board and NFHP Project review committee:

Recently, the 2012 Project review committee released its report on the review of the FHP submitted projects. It is obvious that there was insufficient information in the FWS FONS documents for the review committee to study before they made their decisions on several Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) proposals. Soon, you will be reviewing the report and the project lists

The Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) would like to express its concerns over the comments and recommendations in the "**Report of the Joint Project Review Team",** that was released on Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

In that report there are several comments and recommendations directed to WNTI projects that reflect a lack of sufficient information and understanding of the projects and their relationship to NFHP objectives and Board priorities. Clearly there is a need for WNTI and our FWS Regional NFHAP Coordinators to do a better job of clearly identifying the best information to be placed in the FONS documents, since those now seem to be the basis for project review committee decision-making. It needs to be noted that as a non-FWS coordinated partnership, WNTI does not have direct access to the FONS System, so we are dependent upon the 5 FWS Regional NFHAP Coordinators for the FONS input.

There are two report comments/recommendations that need to be addressed:

1. *"Projects that are related to each other (e.g. Weber River projects from Desert FHP and WNTI) should clearly describe their linkages. The Team commends the FHPs for working together, but is concerned about possible double-counting of funds and performance measures in these and similarly related projects." "The Western Native Trout Initiative and Desert Fish Habitat Partnership should work with Region 6 of the Service to clarify and verify the various contributions toward their related projects on the Weber River, Utah. This information should be provided for the record to the Service's national NFHP coordinator and in the FONS database."(Committee Report)*

WNTI response: Joint projects within a watershed that falls within the boundaries of two FHPs, directly addresses Objective 1 of the new Action Plan: *"1. Achieve measurable habitat conservation results through strategic actions of Fish Habitat Partnerships that improve ecological condition, restore natural processes, or prevent the decline of intact and healthy systems leading to better fish habitat conditions and increased fishing opportunities."*

By working on a "watershed" the two FHPs address complimentary objectives and goals of their respective Partnerships. WNTI does not understand the statement - *"possible*

double-counting of funds and performance measures in these and similarly related projects." as a valid concern. Each FHP component will have its own measurables and outcomes, and these will be reported only as a "WNTI" component" or a "DFHP" component. There will be no "double counting" of funds and/or performance measures.

2. *"The Western Native Trout Initiative requested funds for a small grant funding program. The Team is concerned that the costs of administering a small grant program exceed its benefits, and that the performance of a small grant program cannot be predicted or measured. Such a program may be valuable to some partners, but also adds another layer of bureaucracy. In order to reduce administrative costs and to tie projects directly to FHP strategic priorities, the Team strongly recommends that WNTI substitute a different project for the small grant funding program (e.g. a Bonneville cutthroat project that has a similar cost). With this recommendation, the Team hopes to head off any future proposals for small grant programs under the Service's NFHP funds."(Committee Report)*

The WNTI Small Grant funding program directly addresses two of the priority objectives in the 2012 NFHP Action plan:

"3. Broaden the community of support for fish habitat conservation by increasing fishing opportunities, fostering the participation of local communities – especially young people – in conservation activities, and raising public awareness of the role healthy fish habitats play in the quality of life and economic well-being of local communities." and "4. Communicate the conservation outcomes produced collectively by Fish Habitat Partnerships as well as new opportunities and voluntary approaches for conserving fish habitat to the public and conservation partners."

The following statement in the report reflects a clear mis-understanding about how the program is administered: "T*he Team is concerned that the costs of administering a small grant program exceed its benefits, and that the performance of a small grant program cannot be predicted or measured. Such a program may be valuable to some partners, but also adds another layer of bureaucracy."* WNTI requested $15,000 for the program. The total amount is granted to the project recipients. There are detailed criteria that describe the intent of the program and what types of projects are eligible to be funded. Grants to local communities or NGO conservation groups that have western Native trout conservation objectives, are limited to $3000 per project. Each funded project has measurable deliverables and outcomes. The program is administered by the WNTI Coordinator as part of his regular WNTI administration duties. There is no validity to the statement that *"the performance cannot be predicted or measured";* nor is there any *"layer of bureaucracy"* added. The program really seeks to drive the intent and purpose of the National Fish Habitat Plan to the local level, and raise the awareness of our constituents about aquatic habitat and species conservation. The WNTI Small Projects Small Grants program description is attached.

Why would the Board want to discourage such efforts? The statement: *"With this recommendation, the Team hopes to head off any future proposals for small grant programs under the Service's NFHP funds."* seems to conflict directly with the new Board priorities and objectives in the 2012 Action Plan shown above. The Small Grant Program fosters participation of local communities and young people in conservation activities, raises public awareness of the role of healthy fish habitats at the local level, and represents and promotes new opportunity to the public and WNTI partners. It also reflects WNTI's efforts to think outside of the box and seek additional sources of funding through cooperative match dollars.

The WNTI Steering Committee believes the recommendation of the Joint Review Team should be rescinded, and the project allowed to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration,

The WNTI Steering Committee

WNTI Small Project Funding Program Information and Project Request for Proposals

Introduction

The Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) promotes the initiation and completion of projects that will help improve the abundance of western native trout across a variety of landscapes as well as increasing public knowledge of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan and participation in related activities.

WNTI, a venture of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and a National Fish Habitat Partnership, has set up a "Small Project Funding Program" to support small-scale projects focused on the conservation of western native trout.

The Small Project Funding Program can provide funding for the protection, restoration, or enhancement of native trout populations and associated habitats, as well as to support development of community-based educational or outreach programs or related activities where additional funding is needed to support native trout related activities. WNTI, in collaboration with its partner agencies and organizations, will be annually soliciting native trout conservation or educational projects to be considered for funding through the Small Project Funding Program.

Small Project Funding Program Project Eligibility Criteria

In order to encourage participation in the program, the process and types of eligible projects for applying for a grant (request for proposals – RFP) have been kept relatively simple:

- The project should either address a) habitat occupied by one of the trout or char species that are listed by WNTI as a native salmonid; or b) a related activity or project that could improve the status or knowledge of a native trout species in the local area. Projects such as a local science project, equipment needs for habitat monitoring or improvement, or a community-based educational or outreach effort will be considered.
- Local state fishery management agencies should be consulted about the suitability of the project.
- A reasonable time frame for completion of the project needs to be provided.
- Participating partners and matching funds need to be described.
- The uses of the requested monies in the project are well defined in the project RFP.
- Any environmental compliance requirements (e.g., NEPA, ESA compliance, 404 Fill/Removal permits, etc.) for ground-disturbing or other project types MUST be completed prior to application submission.
- Project awards will generally be less than $3000.
- Upon project completion a Completion Report must be submitted. The Completion Report is required once the portions of the project listed in the grant application

have been completed. This document shall be no more than one page long and submitted to the WNTI Coordinator.

- Any curriculum developed through funds granted by WNTI must be made publicly available.

- Eligible types of projects could include but are not limited to:
  - Designs for native trout habitat enhancement projects
  - Help with securing environmental compliance
  - Riparian fencing
  - Soil moisture meters
  - Temperature data-loggers
  - Field work gear such as boots, waders, light equipment
  - Off-site water development
  - Gravel replenishing
  - Head-gate modifications to reduce/prevent entrainment
  - Educational stations/displays along rehab projects
  - Signage identifying native trout projects/populations
  - Community-based youth fishing events involving native trout
  - Community-based special events or Trout-in-the-Classroom projects
  - Portions of larger projects, such as:
    - Barriers to exclude non-native fish
    - Streambank revegetation
    - Fish ladders or passage enhancements
    - Fish screens
    - Culvert replacements
    - Instream flow enhancement

The total amount applied for should not exceed $3000.

Application Process

WNTI has a standard application form for a "Request for Proposals "(RFP) that can be used. Requests for the Small Project Funding Program funding will be sent to the Western Native Trout Initiative Coordinator for processing.

1. Deadline – The applications will have a submittal deadline for sending to the WNTI Coordinator. The deadline is likely to be June 1 of each year funding is available.
2. Project Review – projects will be reviewed by the WNTI Steering Committee to determine if they meet the criteria.
3. Selection – Eligible projects will be ranked by the Steering Committee for funding.
4. Project Agreements – Selected projects will have a project agreement that details the expected result of the grant, the time frame of actions to implement the project, reporting requirements, and how the grant will be paid.
5. Payments could be either up-front with a % withheld until completion, or reimbursable as the project is completed depending on the situation.
6. Awarded funds remain available for several years.