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EBTJV FY25 BROOK TROUT
PROJECT FUNDING RFP

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The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV), as one of the 20 partnerships under the National Fish Habitat Partnership, is requesting project proposals that are focused on Brook Trout conservation actions. Many activities that improve brook trout populations are eligible.

The EBTJV is a National Fish Habitat Partnership that advances the conservation of wild brook trout in its Eastern native range through assessments and tools, and by directing funding for science-based conservation strategies to partners on the ground. [Learn more](#). Our mission is to secure resilient populations of wild Brook Trout by protecting, enhancing, and restoring aquatic habitat and increasing human connections to, and stewardship of, our natural environment.

The EBTJV is **requesting project proposals** that are focused on Brook Trout conservation actions. Federal funding is available through the National Fish Habitat Partnership as outlined under the America's Conservation Enhancement Act of 2020. You can find the full Act [here](#).

This RFP opens on November 20, 2022. The **deadline** for submitting your Brook Trout conservation project proposal is **5:00 pm (Eastern Time) on February 9, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be considered, and late applications will only be considered in rare circumstances.** Funding for FY2025 projects will likely not be appropriated by Congress until after January 2025 and will likely not be available to project leaders until March 2025 or later.

The maximum award amount for an individual project is \$50,000. EBTJV expects to fund 3-5 projects for FY25. These funds can only be used for on-the-ground brook trout conservation and restoration projects in the native eastern range, and related design and short-term monitoring activities; **they may not be used for research projects**. If you have a question about an eligible activity, please contact the Coordinator or your state agency representative (see below).

To ensure available funding is being directed most effectively, proposed projects must be geared toward meeting the EBTJV's [range-wide habitat goals and objectives](#), as well as its [key conservation actions](#). Projects must also fall under at least one of the [NFHAP National Conservation Priorities](#). EBTJV prioritizes projects that are most likely to be fully implemented in the 2-year EBTJV/NFHAP project performance period. Additionally, the ACE Act places an emphasis on projects that increase recreational fishing opportunities through habitat improvements, that benefit the local economy, and that have a public educational component. EBTJV projects have historically incorporated each of these elements.

Examples of eligible projects include (but are not limited to):

- restoring aquatic connectivity by removing small dams and replacing undersized culverts;
- executing strategies that eliminate competition from non-native species (including removal);
- planting native shrubs and trees in riparian zones to provide shade and stream bank stabilization;
- adding large woody material to streams to add complexity, improve sediment sorting, and reconnect groundwater;
- restoring native brook trout to watersheds where it has been extirpated.
- implementing watershed conservation practices that reduce sediment and nutrient pollution

This is not a complete list, and furthermore, specific project actions may be deemed appropriate in one location and not in another. Projects are evaluated in context of whether the **root causes of brook trout decline have been or will be addressed as a first step**, and if available physical and biological data have been considered: e.g. data on population genetics, invasive species, stream temperatures, and available habitat and watershed variables. Additionally, efforts to maintain or improve public access, educate the public and other stakeholders about the conservation actions, and monitor project outcomes should ideally be included as components of a successful project (but are not eligible as a stand alone project).

We also strongly encourage you to look at the [EBTJV's 2024 Project Scoring Criteria](#). This outlines how applications will be scored, and should help you know if your project will rank well. Consultation with your state biologist is also meant to help you in this process.

Eligible applicants:

- State, county, and local governments
- Private, Public, and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized)

Match: All projects must also have a minimum of a 1:1 contribution from non-federal funding sources. To meet the 1:1 non-federal match requirement, non-federal funds contributions must not come from, be matched to, or otherwise tied to a federal source. Match may include cash, time, materials, or other in-kind services.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their state EBTJV representative **early in the process** ([EBTJV State Contact List](#)) and are **required to do so no later than January 9, 2024**. Applicants are also encouraged to contact their regional Fish and Wildlife Service office, although formal coordination with FWS during the application process is no longer a requirement. However, applicants that plan projects in coordination with or with input from these experts are much more likely to be successful.

Please see the full RFP on our website for all relevant program information. Please carefully read the application and scoring criteria to ensure you can

meet the requirements by the deadline.

Thank you for your interest in partnering with EBTJV to help us fulfill our mission to secure resilient populations of wild Brook Trout by protecting, enhancing, and restoring aquatic habitat and increasing human connections to, and stewardship of, our natural environment.

For questions, please contact:

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