

**ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM 2018/19:
LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING**

Kootenay Lake Sub-Region			
Community	Project Name	Project Description	Funding Amount
Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area	Six Mile Slough Enhancement Project	Remove derelict water control infrastructure and breaching dikes to restore over 1,200 hectares of wetlands for migrating waterfowl and provide critical habitat for other species including white sturgeon, burbot, northern leopard frog, Forster's tern and American bittern.	\$600,000
Nature Conservancy of Canada and Ktunaxa Nation	Whitebark Pine Restoration Project	Establish a whitebark pine population that is self-sustaining and resistant to blister rust, which will support natural seed dispersal, habitat connectivity, genetic diversity and adaptability to climate change. This includes collecting seeds, growing and testing seedlings for rust resistance and planting at restoration sites.	\$300,000
yaqan nukiy (Lower Kootenay Band)	yaqan nukiy Hunting Grounds Ecosystem Restoration Project	Restore wetlands, stream habitat and riparian habitat on over 500 hectares of yagan nukiy land, and remove two kilometres of failed dams to restore natural flooding and fish access. This will benefit many fish and wildlife species on these culturally and ecologically important traditional hunting grounds.	\$600,000
Southern Rocky Mountain Trench			
Nature Conservancy of Canada; The Nature Trust of BC; and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development	Wycliffe Corridor Project	Develop a landscape-level conservation management plan and implement on-the-ground actions to restore and enhance priority ecological values, including grassland enhancement, forest management, wetland restoration, stream enhancement and fencing. The Wycliffe corridor provides key winter range habitat for ungulates and habitat for plant and wildlife species at risk.	\$600,000
ʔaąam	ʔaąam Ecosystem Enhancement Project	Enhance ecosystem values on approximately 1,300 hectares of	\$900,000

		forested land, including thinning dense ponderosa pine forest and reintroducing fire as a biological and heritage value. This will improve range habitat for elk and deer and provide benefits to numerous other plant and wildlife species.	
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