

ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING, MARCH 2025

These grants support large-scale ecosystem enhancement projects that will have meaningful and measurable impacts in supporting and strengthening ecosystem health in the Basin.

Organization	Project Title	Description	Amount
ᑭᓇᓇᓄᓄ First Nation	ᑭᓇᓇᓄᓄ Prescribed Burns	This project will restore 281 hectares of dry open forest and grassland ecosystems, reduce wildfire risk and continue traditional land-based practices of cultural burning on ᑭᓇᓇᓄᓄ land.	\$329,000
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Moberly Marsh Restoration	This project will restore natural ecosystem processes to 20 hectares of floodplain wetland habitat, located on conservation land owned by Ducks Unlimited Canada.	\$750,000
Fernie Rod and Gun Club	Wigwam Flats Ecosystem Enhancement	This project will restore and enhance 250 hectares of grassland and open forest ecosystems to improve biodiversity and wildlife habitat for critical ungulate species within the Wigwam Flats/Mount Broadwood area, located south of Elko.	\$750,000
Ktunaxa Nation Council Society	Columbia Lake East Side Enhancement for Landscape Resiliency	This project will enhance cultural values and ecosystem resilience by reducing forest encroachment on 15 hectares and reintroducing fire to 90 hectares on Lot 48, located on the east side of Columbia Lake.	\$405,000
Simpcw First Nation	Simpcw Whitebark Pine Enhancement	This project will restore 268 hectares of whitebark pine populations in sub-alpine ecosystems within Simpcwúlecw in the northern Columbia Basin region. Through community-led stewardship efforts, Simpcw will foster ecosystem resilience, enhance biodiversity, and preserve cultural heritage.	\$476,000
Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada	Whitebark Pine High Elevation Restoration in Arrow Lakes and Slokan Lake	This project will restore 200 hectares of whitebark pine high elevation ecosystems in areas that experienced recent wildfire burns surrounding Arrow Lakes and Slokan Lake.	\$524,000
Total			\$3,234,000

**SMALL-SCALE ECOSYSTEM GRANTS
LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING, MARCH 2025**

These grants support small-scale ecosystem enhancement projects that help improve ecological health and native biodiversity in the Basin through on-the-ground action.

Organization	Project Title	Description	Amount
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	Northern Jubilee Wetland Habitat Improvement	This project will enhance the function of a 2,500 metres squared section of Northern Jubilee Wetland in Rossland through invasives management and replanting native species.	\$17,000
Wildlife Conservation Society Canada	Minibark Bat Roost Installation and Monitoring	This project will enhance ecosystems by increasing the availability of suitable bat roosting habitat and encouraging the abundance and resiliency of endangered small bat species at six sites near Beasley, Creston Valley, Fort Shepherd, and south Kinbasket area.	\$80,000
Total			\$97,000

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