

4. Riparian & In-stream Habitat Restoration	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Due
	75%	\$10,000	N/A
<b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects designed to improve habitat and water quality in watercourses.</li> </ul>			
<b>Category Guidelines:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livestock must be restricted from the project area</li> <li>All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement</li> <li>Projects must utilize appropriate sediment control and mitigation measures (i.e., silt fencing)</li> <li>Projects where structures may be impacted by erosion will not be considered for funding</li> </ul>			
<b>Eligible Projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restoration or enhancement of riparian areas</li> <li>Sediment control measures including bioengineering, crib walls, fish lunkers, bend-way weirs, natural channel design.</li> <li>In-stream aquatic habitat creation/restoration</li> <li>Buffer strips and riparian habitat creation/restoration</li> <li>Removal of fish migration barriers.</li> <li>Converting online ponds to offline ponds</li> </ul>			
<b>Eligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design costs, professional services</li> <li>Contractor labour and planting services</li> <li>Site preparation</li> <li>Plant material</li> <li>Habitat enhancement features (nesting structures, fish lunkers, spawning beds)</li> </ul>			
<b>Ineligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material</li> <li>Hardscaping (i.e., Gabion baskets)</li> <li>Relocation of established trees</li> <li>Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit (i.e., Christmas trees, nursery trees, etc.)</li> <li>Caliper-sized trees</li> <li>Landowner labour costs</li> <li>Administrative costs</li> </ul>			
<b>Potential Key Performance Indicators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metres of riparian area/ shoreline restored</li> <li>Trees planted</li> <li>Shrubs planted</li> <li>Herbaceous plants planted</li> <li>Hectares of buffers created</li> <li>Fish migration barriers removed</li> <li>Ponds taken offline</li> </ul>			

**Instream/ Riparian Habitat Evaluation Matrix**

*Mailing Address:*

*Watershed:*

*Project Description:*

**Application**

Does this project fit within the guidelines? (Yes/No)

Complete application? (Yes/No)

Is the applicant willing to sign a project agreement? (Yes/No)

**Project Evaluation**

Site Length Size (Select one)

<10m (1 point) 11-50m (2 points) 50-100m (3 points) 101- 500m (4 points) 500m + (5 points)

Watercourse through the project site (within 30m) (Select One)

Cold Water System (3 Points) Warm Water System (2 points)

Does the project area contribute to a headwater area (watershed of 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> order stream)? (2 points)

Existing or proposed buffer on at >80% stream

< 1m (0 points) <5m (1 points) 5-10m (2 points) 10-15m (3 points) 15-30m (5 points) 30m+ (6 points)

Part of a larger naturalization project? (1 Points)

Adjacent to a significant feature (PSW, etc.)? (2 points)

Will the project provide cover on the watercourse? (2 point)

Increase connectivity to existing habitat, reducing fragmentation (3 points)

Will the project result in both sides being vegetated? (3 points)

Identified fish habitat type?

Not identified (0 points) Type 3 (2 point) Type 2 (3 points) Type 1 (4 points)

Additional sources of funding? (choose one)

Funding secured (2 points) Unsecured but pending (1 point)

Does the site fall within the Priority Areas for Water Quality Improvement? (3 Points)

**BONUS POINTS:** Removal of existing fish migration barrier? (3 points)

**BONUS POINTS:** Involves removing an existing wetland from a watercourse (Select one)

Within a Cold-Water System (2 Points) Within a Warm Water System (1 Points)

**Staff Comments:**