4. Riparian & In-Stream Habitat Restoration	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Due
	75%	$10,000	November 1st, 2020

Purpose:

- Projects designed to improve habitat and water quality in watercourses.

Category Guidelines:

- Livestock must be restricted from the project area
- All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement
- Projects must utilize appropriate sediment control and mitigation measures (i.e. silt fencing)
- Projects where structures may be impacted by erosion will not be considered for funding

Eligible Projects:

- Restoration or enhancement of riparian areas
- Sediment control measures including bioengineering, crib walls, fish lunkers, bend-way weirs, natural channel design
- In-stream aquatic habitat creation/restoration
- Buffer strips and riparian habitat creation/restoration
- Removal of fish migration barriers
- Converting online ponds to offline ponds

Eligible Costs:

- Design costs and professional services
- Contractor labour and planting services
- Site preparation
- Plant material
- Cold storage costs
- Delivery costs
- Habitat enhancement features (nesting structures, fish lunkers, spawning beds)

Ineligible Costs:

- Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material
- Hardscaping (i.e. Gabion baskets)
- Relocation of established trees
- Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit (i.e. Christmas trees, nursery trees, etc.)
- Caliper-sized trees
- Landowner labour costs
- Administrative costs – Project management, survival assessments, planting plan design, site supervision

Potential Key Performance Indicators:

- Metres squared of riparian area/ shoreline restored
- Trees planted
- Shrubs planted
- Herbaceous plants planted
- Fish migration barriers removed
- Ponds taken offline
- Fish lunkers installed
- Crib walls installed