



Creating and enhancing wetland and riparian areas, like this one next to the Slocan River in the West Kootenay, is a priority for our Columbia Region. Restoration of this habitat helps support bats, western painted turtles and many bird species. Photo: FWCP

## Grants for fish and wildlife projects: two weeks left to apply!

Our annual grant intake is open for another couple of weeks. Projects eligible for a grant must align with priority actions in our Columbia Region's [action plans](#). Read our [information kit](#) and [regional grant guidance](#). Submit your grant application by 5 p.m. (PT), Friday, October 29.

### Columbia Region priorities

Projects in the [FWCP's Columbia Region](#) must align with one or more priority actions in our ecosystem-based [actions plans](#). We are also encouraging applications that address climate resilience, old-growth stand restoration, and stream restoration. While we are accepting applications for projects in all [three sub-regions](#), the North Columbia is a priority for the board. Be sure to read our [regional guidance document](#).

### Questions? Get in touch!

We're here to help. [Contact](#) our Columbia Region manager, Crystal Klym, with any questions about our action plans, your project ideas, or your grant application.

## Seeking Volunteers



**Kootenay Gallery, Castlegar BC**  
**Saturday October 23, 2021 9am-1pm**

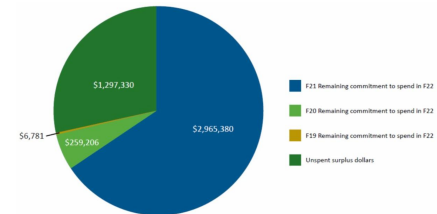
## Volunteer to help pollinators

Take part in Native Planting Day on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Kootenay Gallery in Castlegar and support local pollinators! Get your hands dirty planting native species to boost biodiversity and improve habitat for pollinators, which are vital to ecosystem health and food security.

This event is hosted by the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society and the Kootenay Native Plant Society, with funding from the FWCP. [Register here.](#)

## Read our 2020-2021 annual report

Our [annual report](#) covers the key highlights, decisions, and expenditures in our Columbia Region for the fiscal year F21, from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. Find out how we're progressing on recommendations from the independent auditor and learn about the projects we funded during the year.



See our financials in the F21 annual report.



The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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