



Floodplains by Design (FbD) 2027-2029 Grant Application Workshop

November 5, 2025

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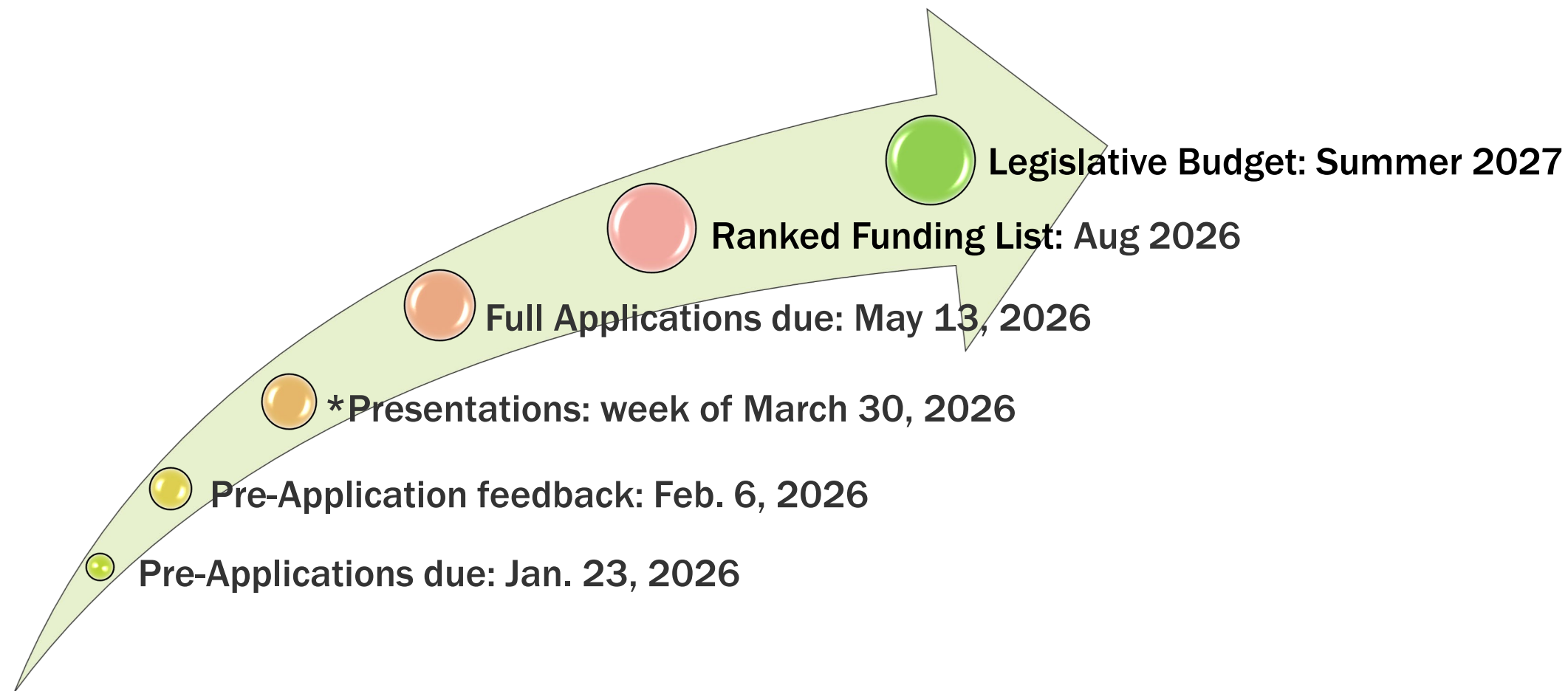
FbD Program Background

- Established in 2013, Floodplains by Design is a public/private sector partnership.
- Administered in partnership by Ecology and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation.
- Capital grant program supports integrated floodplain management strategies that reduce the impacts of flood hazards, restore/protect floodplain ecosystems, and enhance community resilience.
- FbD network convenes practitioners, experts, Tribes, and communities to improve integrated floodplain management systems.

2027-29 Funding Cycle

- Funding levels will be determined by the Washington State Legislature during the 2027 legislative session.
- Past funding has ranged from \$35.5 million to \$75.7 million.
- Typical grant awards range from \$300,000 up to \$10 million.
- Funding is anticipated to be available on July 1, 2027.
 - We will work to develop and sign agreements between July 1 – Dec. 31, 2027.

2027-29 Funding Schedule



Eligible Applicants

Cities, towns,
counties

Federally-
recognized Tribes

Conservation
districts

Special purpose
districts, such as
flood control
districts and ports

Municipal or
quasi-municipal
corporations

Non-profit
organizations that
are tax exempt

Examples of Eligible Project Activities

- Community engagement and/or integrated planning committee support
- Project planning, such as studies and/or modeling
- Conceptual, preliminary, and/or final designs
- Permitting, construction, and/or planting
- Acquisitions of property and/or easements
- Demolition, home elevations, and/or home relocation
- Maintenance, monitoring, and adaptive management plans for either a new project being proposed for funding or for previous FbD funded projects

Pre-Applications



Pre-application available on the FbD website - fillable PDF form.



Due by Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, at 5 p.m.



Submit via email to lisa.nelson@ecy.wa.gov.



Feedback will be provided by Feb. 6, 2026.



Ecology will host pre-application office hours.

Presentations



Scheduled after pre-application period



Hosted virtually the week of March 30-April 3, 2026.



25 minutes for the presentation.



20 minutes afterward for Q&A session with evaluation team.

Full Application



Full application period is open Mar. 12 - May 13, 2026, in our online system.



Long and short answer questions, including integrated project narrative.



See the Funding Guidelines for guidance on developing competitive projects.



Start on the application early! Don't wait until the last minute to submit the full application in our online grant system.

OVERALL APPLICATION

Tell Your Story



Explain How You'll Do It



Show You Can Do It



Describe Results



Provide measured outcomes and metrics

Project Scoring Criteria

- Flood Hazard Risk Reduction 60 points
- Floodplain Ecosystems 60 points
- Partnerships, Collaboration, & Strategies 60 points
- Other Community Needs & Benefits 30 points
- Readiness to Proceed 30 points
- Cost Effectiveness & Budget 20 points
- Agricultural Viability & Benefits 30 points

***Total of 260 points possible, or 290 points possible with ag benefits.**

Partnerships, Collaboration, and Strategies	High Points: 28-40	Moderate Points: 16-27	Low Points: 0-15
1) Partnerships and Collaboration (40 points)			
a. Description of efforts to build partnerships and engage with impacted communities to plan and/or implement this project, including efforts underway and planned. b. Description of strategies, processes, and/or structures that will facilitate coordination, collaboration, and achieve project outcomes (as relevant).	Applicant <i>clearly</i> describes <i>compelling</i> efforts and/or plans to: (1) build partnerships and engage with impacted communities; (2) maintain engagement and partnerships throughout the project, including possible future partners; and (3) develop and implement strategies, processes, and/or structures to coordinate and collaborate with partners to achieve project outcomes.	Applicant describes with <i>moderate clarity</i> all, or some, of the information outlined in (1), (2), and (3) in high points column; AND/OR applicant provides <i>moderately compelling</i> descriptions for all, or some, of the information outlined in (1), (2), and (3) listed at left.	Applicant <i>does not describe</i> all, or some, of the information outlined in (1), (2), and (3) in high points column, or descriptions are <i>uncompelling</i>.

Demonstrating Leverage

- Match is no longer required.
- All applicants must demonstrate leverage in the pre-application and full application.
- Leverage is the total amount of all funding sources for the entire project but does not include Ecology's share of the grant.
- When demonstrating leverage, include:
 - Amount of funding,
 - Name of funding,
 - Name of agency/organization administering the funds,
 - Type of funding (local, state, federal, other).

Important Considerations

- Projects must include integrated strategies for flood hazard reduction and ecosystem benefits
- Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) may be required
- Historic and cultural resources requirements may be significant
 - Executive Orders for state-funded projects
 - Section 106 if federal dollars are involved
- Climate Commitment Act (CCA) requirements apply
- Tribal engagement is required for most projects

Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL IGX)

EAGL was recently upgraded to EAGL IGX.

All users must create their own account.

EAGL IGX hyperlink on Ecology Grants and Loans webpage:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans>

EAGL IGX External Users' Manual:
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2501005.html>

Submit full applications and manage funded agreements, deliverables, and payment requests/progress reports (PRPRs).

Application Instructions and EAGL IGX Prep Tool

Application Instructions

- Screenshot instructions to submit the full application in EAGL IGX.

EAGL IGX Prep Tool

- Word template of application questions.
 - Copy and paste final answers into the EAGL IGX application fields.
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- Don't wait until the last day to submit the full application!
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- These will be available no later than Feb. 1, 2026. We will email these to invited applicants and post them on the FbD grants webpage:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/floodplains-by-design-grants>

Ecology Office Hours

- New this round, Ecology will host several office hours to support applicant needs during the application period.
- Pre-application office hour dates & times –
 - November 20, 2025, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
 - December 18, 2025, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
 - January 13, 2026, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
 - January 22, 2026, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Full application office hour dates will be posted to the Ecology FbD grants webpage.
- Please register for office hours via Ecology FbD grants webpage.
<https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/floodplains-by-design-grants>

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*Main FbD contact until Pre-Applications are due.

**Main FbD contact *after* Pre-Applications are due.

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