



Floodplains by Design (FbD) 2027-29 Returning Applicants Workshop

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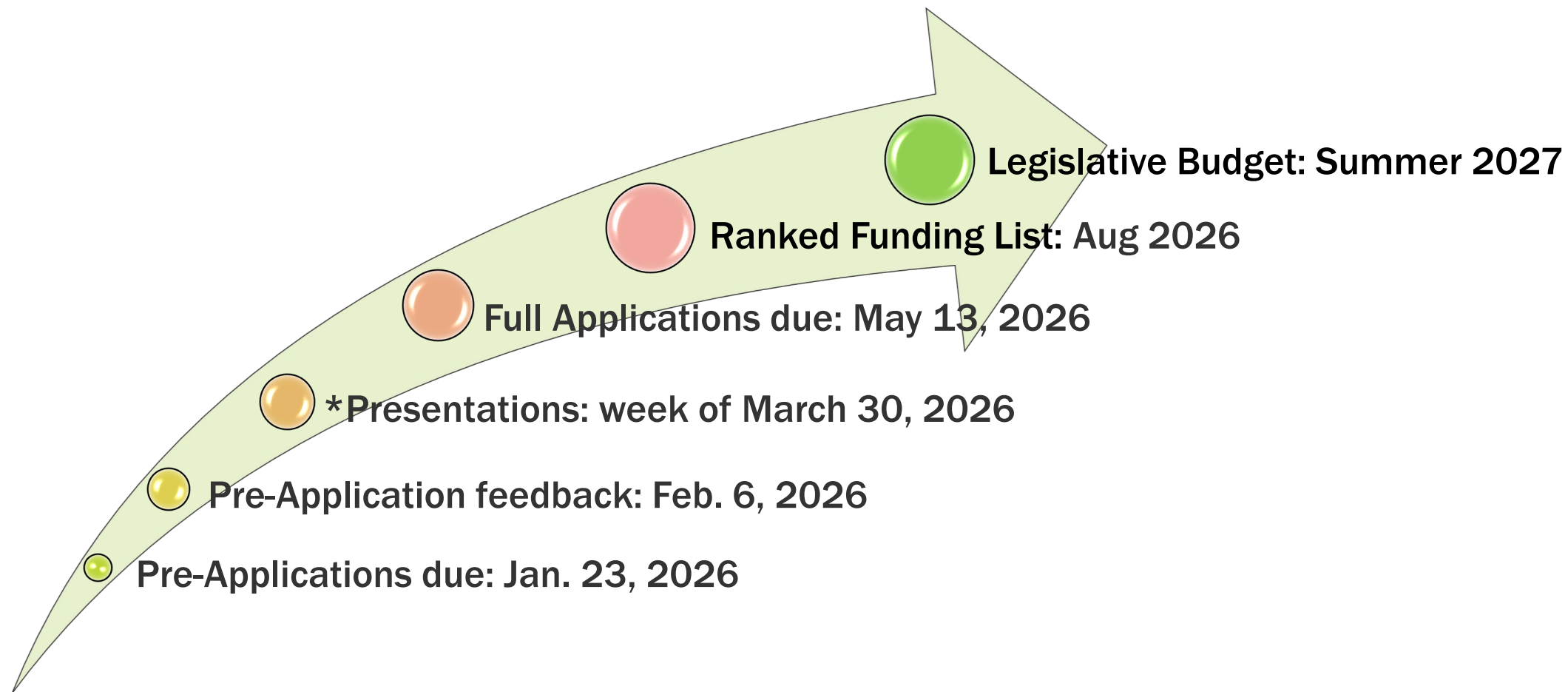
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FbD Program Update Summary

- Application timeline
- Pre-application and full application structure and questions
- Scoring Criteria
- Funding guidelines
- EAGL IGX

2027-29 Funding Schedule



Pre-Application Updates

- Simplified format
- Fillable PDF
- More space for project narrative
- Feedback form provided to all pre-applicants
- Due January 23, 2026 email pre-app to:
lisa.nelson@ecy.wa.gov



Floodplains by Design 2027-29 Pre-Application

How to apply:

Applicants interested in applying for a Floodplains by Design (FbD) 2027-29 grant must first submit a pre-application using the format below. Ecology staff will review pre-applications to ensure eligibility based on the grant program's intent. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the *FbD 2027-29 Funding Guidelines* found on the [FbD grants website](#)¹ prior to submitting this pre-application.

What happens next:

After review, Ecology staff will determine if the pre-applications proposed project package meets the eligibility requirement of having flood risk reduction and ecosystem/salmon recovery advancement as main objectives of the proposal. Ecology staff will reach out to pre-applicants with any eligibility concerns and/or recommendations on whether a proposal should move ahead to full application based on meeting these eligibility requirements.

Ecology will invite applicants who meet eligibility requirements to give a virtual presentation to evaluators the week of March 30, 2026. More information about the presentation, including the format, dates, and times will be included in the emailed invitation. After presentations, pre-applicants will be invited to submit full applications in Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL) online system. For more information about the FbD 2027-29 funding cycle timeline or the application process, please see the *FbD 2027-29 Funding Guidelines*.

Important deadline:

The deadline to submit the pre-application via email is **5 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026**. Save the file as Word or PDF and email Amelia Petersen, FbD Grant Program Coordinator, at amelia.petersen@ecy.wa.gov with the subject line "FbD 2027-29 Pre-Application, (Applicant Organization/Project Title)."

Tribal notification requirement:

The pre-application structure meets the Climate Commitment Act requirements for tribal notification. Prior to submitting this pre-application to Ecology, please submit the pre-application to all affected federally recognized Tribes with interest in the project area with an open invitation for further discussion about the project. Ecology created a tribal notification letter template, which is saved to the FbD grants website, for your use if desired.

Full Application Updates

- New format featuring a more integrated project narrative
- Fewer questions and forms
- Simplified budget
- Presentation timeline adjusted to later date, week of March 30
- Due May 13 - two additional weeks of preparation time

OVERALL APPLICATION

Tell Your Story



Explain How You'll Do It



Show You Can Do It



Describe Results



Provide measured outcomes and metrics

Scoring Criteria Updates

- Overhaul of evaluation criteria
- Rebuilt scorecards to improve clarity and guidance for applicants and evaluators
- Scorecards are provided in funding guidelines for applicant review

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.	Applicant <i>clearly</i> describes <i>compelling</i> efforts and/or plans to: (1) build partnerships and engage with impacted communities;	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 <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> .
b. Description of strategies, processes, and/or structures that will facilitate coordination, collaboration, and achieve project outcomes (as relevant).	(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 provides <i>moderately compelling</i> descriptions for all, or some, of the information outlined in (1), (2), and (3) listed at left.	

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

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

Updated user interface.

New log in instructions using existing username and password.

New [EAGL IGX External Users' Manual](#)

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2501005.html>

Updated EAGL IGX instructions will be included in the prep tool and application instructions. Will be available by Feb. 2026 on the FbD Grants webpage.

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.

Regional Offices	
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