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 Lisa Nelson, Floodplains Restoration Planner, at lisa.nelson@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.

[1] https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/floodplains-by-design-grants

Certification (check the box below):

- ☐ I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided below is true and correct and that I am legally authorized to sign and submit this grant pre-application on behalf of the organization.
- ☐ I certify to the best of my knowledge that all affected federally recognized Tribes with interest in the project area, as well as the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), have been provided with a copy of this pre-application and have received an offer to discuss the project.
    - DAHP email address: CCA@dahp.wa.gov
    - DFW email address: CCAnotification@dfw.wa.gov

1. Applicant Organization:

2. Project Manager name, email, and phone number:

3. Project Title:

4. List organizations that are currently or are considering becoming project partners at this stage in the application process. Please be clear which entities are already engaged, and which have yet to be engaged in the process. (Your answer should be concise in this pre-application.)

5. Project Description:

   In one page or less, describe the following for your flood hazard risk reduction, ecosystem improvement, and other project attributes:

   - Current conditions of the project area.
   - Actions you plan to implement in the project area relative to those current conditions.
   - Expected outcomes of those actions with anticipated benefits for impacted people, communities, and ecosystems.

   Note: The full application will ask for additional information, such as adverse impacts related to the flood hazard and limiting factors to healthy floodplain ecosystems.

6. Please provide coordinates and/or site locations for your project. If there is more than one project location, be sure to include the coordinates for each location.

7. **Optional**: You may submit up to 3 pages of attachments to help us better understand your project. See examples below:
    - Watershed-scale map showing the location and project phases.
    - Site or reach-scale map(s) showing the completed and anticipated project actions.
    - Photos.

8. Which phase(s) or activities will the project include?
    - ☐ Community engagement and/or integrated planning committee support
    - ☐ Pre-construction planning, such as studies and/or modeling
    - ☐ Conceptual, preliminary, and/or final designs
    - ☐ Permitting, construction, and/or planting
    - ☐ Acquisitions and/or easements
    - ☐ Demolition, home elevations, and/or home relocation

9. Will environmental monitoring data be collected?

    Note: Select yes if your project involves collecting, generating, or analyzing environmental data. You will be required to follow Ecology's Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) requirements. This requirement may add a higher cost and more time to your project. For more information, see the FbD 2027-29 Funding Guidelines.

    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

10. Will the scope of work include acquisitions or ground disturbance?

    Note: If you select yes, you will be required to follow Governor's Executive Order 21-02 or Section 106, including fulfilling Cultural Resources and Historic Building Inventory and Survey standards. This requirement may add a higher cost and more time to your project. For more information, see the FbD 2027-29 Funding Guidelines.

    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

11. Will your project have any positive or negative impacts on agricultural land?

    Note: Agricultural lands or "working lands" are generally defined as lands that support natural resource production for economic gain, or lands that have the potential to do so. This definition includes (but isn't limited to) farmland, cropland, pastureland, rangeland, grasslands, forestlands, and shellfish beds. Examples of potential impacts include (but are not limited to) buying agricultural lands, acquiring conservation easements, reduced/modified/increased flooding, altered productivity, and access.

    ☐ Yes

    ☐ No

12. Total estimated FbD grant request (soft cap of $10 million):

    $

13. Briefly list other (non-FbD) public funding sources that will contribute to this project and estimates of dollar amounts, including previous investments (e.g., land purchases).
    Note: As a reminder, match is no longer required for FbD grants that have a July 1, 2025 start date or later. However, applicants are still required to describe the source(s) and amount(s) of any leveraged funds also invested in the project.