

National Fish Passage Program and Fish Passage Task Force

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National Fish Passage Program Collaborative Success since 1999

64,000

Stream Miles Reopened

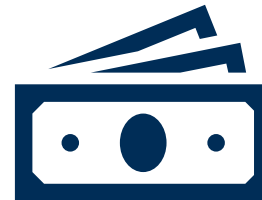


2,000

Partners Involved

3,500

Barriers Removed



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Funds Leveraged





Who are we?



- National coordinators and leadership
- Regional coordinators and leadership
- Fisheries biologists and habitat biologists
- Other USFWS programs
- Fish Passage engineers
- States, Tribes, non-governmental organizations, local communities, and other partners



NFPP Base

- \$18 million in FY 2023
- Ongoing project development, regional project ranking occurs in Fall
- Scoring and project selection largely done at regional level
- Range: \$25,000-\$400,000
- Average: \$100,000

NFPP BIL

- \$200 million over five years
- Scoring and selection at national level following regional review
- Expected Range: \$250,000-\$10 million
- Average: \$1,000,000
- Targeting national and administration priorities for connectivity restoration, environmental justice, and climate resilience



National Fish Passage Program

Cooperative conservation program

Work with **voluntary** partners

Coastal and **inland** waterways



Eligible Applicants

Any entity can receive funding including but not limited to:

- Federal agencies
- State agencies
- Tribes
- Non-profit entities
- For profit entities
- Individuals or private landowners
- Etc.

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Eligible Projects

Projects that partially or completely eliminate a barrier to fish and aquatic species including:

- Dams, Culverts, Fishways, Water Diversions, Ineffective Screens, Inadequate Flows

Non-implementation activities are also eligible including:

- Planning and feasibility, engineering and design, capacity, implementation monitoring, outreach

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*The National Fish Passage Program is a **voluntary** program. Federal or State compensatory mitigation projects are **not eligible** for NFPP funding.*

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Funding Mechanisms

Primarily utilize the following mechanisms but others are possible:

- **Cooperative agreements**
- Grants
- Interagency Agreements

	FY2022	FY2023
NFPP Funding	\$38 million	\$35 million
Projects	40	39
States	23, Puerto Rico	22
Barriers	100	83
Stream Miles	~3,700	~2,500
Leverage	\$34 million	\$48 million

NFPP BIL Overview

Who does what?



FY 2023 NFPP BIL Criteria

Ecological Benefits (45 points)

- Benefits to Priority Species and Habitats
- *Permanence of Fish Passage Benefits*
- **Regional and Watershed Context**

Community Benefits (35 points)

- Benefits for community resilience to climate change impacts and other co-benefits
- *Benefits to Underserved or Indigenous Communities*
- **Tribal Support and Partnership**

Funding and Timeline (20 points)

- Leveraged Funds
- Community Support
- Estimated project duration and timeline

NFPP BIL Timeline

Estimated annual timeline.

Fall



NOFO released, LOIs due, and proposals are developed.

Winter



Proposals are submitted and reviewed by a National Review Panel.

Spring



Final project lists anticipated.

Federal Interagency Fish Passage Task Force

Est. 2022

Develop a foundation for a more holistic, collaborative, and efficient approach among federal agencies working with stakeholders, tribes, and partners to effectively award BIL funding, maximize conservation objectives, and create co-benefits.



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Task Force Objectives

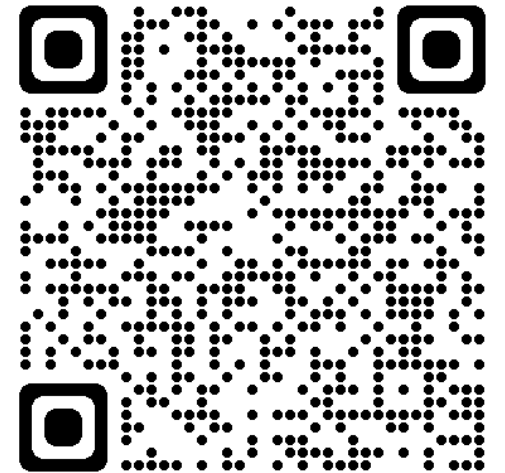
1. **AVOID DUPLICATION** to make conservation impact
2. **CREATE** interagency and organizational efficiencies
3. **DEVELOP** long term policy change to reduce future fish barriers
4. **COORDINATE** national efforts to raise awareness about problem, potential, and results
5. **CONTINUALLY IMPROVE** and share lessons learned
6. **ENSURE** that the benefits of projects meet the needs of tribes and other disadvantaged communities

Fish Passage Portal

The portal will be expanded over time but currently includes the following key elements:

- One-stop shop for BIL fish passage funding opportunities
- **Links to funding application sites**
- Project related information including a project dashboard
- **Resources for fish passage practitioners including information on training, links to barrier inventories, etc.**
- **Agency points of contact**

Scan to visit the
Fish Passage
Portal



Support Coordination and Implementation through Stakeholder Engagement

1. **GET THE WORD OUT** about benefits of fish passage projects
2. **PROMOTE** consistent and effective messaging across all partners
3. **EXPAND** existing “community of practice” and outreach group
4. **ASSIST** interested parties in understanding and taking advantage of federal resources to participate in fish passage projects.
5. **ENGAGE** stakeholders to provide feedback on agency and interagency priorities, activities, and initiatives.
6. **COLLECT** lessons learned, best practices, and testimonials.



Fish Passage Workshop

Tentatively scheduled for December 5-7, 2023, in Charleston, SC.

Save the Date coming soon.

Thanks!

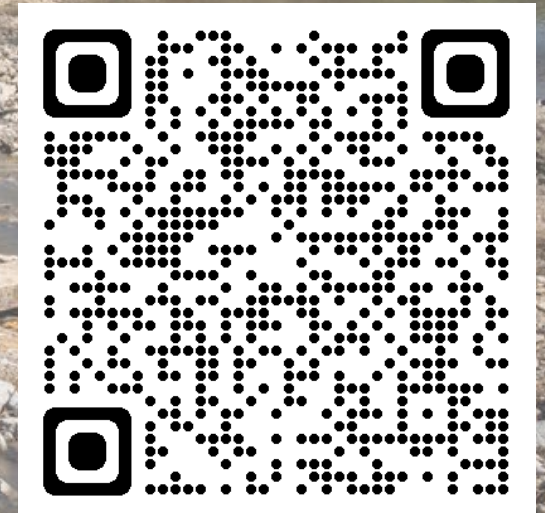
Questions, comments,
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NFPP Process Overview

Who does what?

**Collaborative
project
development
and LOI.**



**Regional
review.**



**FWS and DOI
review and
approve
projects.**



**Approved
applicants are
invited to submit
in
GrantSolutions.**

