

FUTURE FISHERIES PROJECT RANKING WINTER 2024 FUNDING CYCLE

Montana ARM Rule 12.7.1203

(1) Eligible projects that have been approved by the review panel will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a committee that includes at least two department personnel with a background in fishery biology and an understanding of the habitat requirements of fish and one member of the review panel.

The Committee’s ranking of the Future Fisheries Projects approved for funding by the Citizen Review Panel during the Winter 2024 funding cycle are as follows:

Winter 2024 Future Fisheries Application Prioritization				
Project #	Project Name	Program Cost (\$)	Total Points (of 100)	Review Rank
010-2024	Granite Creek Upper Alder restoration	\$100,000.00	84.7	1
001-2024	Albert Creek culvert replacement	\$45,300.00	84.3	2
003-2024	Blind Canyon Creek fish barrier	\$20,000.00	82.0	3
017-2024	North Burnt Fork Creek fish passage supplement	\$55,190.00	81.3	4
018-2024	Parsons Slough Willow Springs water lease	\$50,000.00	80.0	5
007-2024	Flat Creek tailings removal and restoration	\$53,310.00	79.7	6
016-2024	Nevada Creek restoration phase 7	\$150,000.00	79.0	7
020-2024	Tin Cup Creek fish screen update	\$18,200.00	78.7	8
009-2024	Governor Creek streambank restoration	\$16,400.00	76.7	9
013-2024	Marshall Creek riparian fencing	\$2,000.00	76.0	10
011-2024	Hellroaring Creek streambank restoration	\$10,400.00	75.0	11
002-2024	Benedict Creek fish passage	\$11,400.00	73.3	12
008-2024	Flathead Creek streambank restoration	\$100,375.00	72.7	13
005-2024	Fifer Gulch stream restoration	\$143,730.00	70.7	14
019-2024	Paulo Reservoir storage and habitat	\$33,181.00	69.0	15
012-2024	Little Casino Creek fish passage	\$32,625.00	68.0	16
006-2024	First Chance Gulch habitat improvements	\$24,000.00	68.0	16
004-2024	Cattail Creek spawning enhancement	\$105,558.00	67.7	18
014-2024	Miller Creek restoration Leik property	\$69,790.00	65.3	19
015-2024	Moore Creek restoration phase 1	\$83,293.00	58.0	20

Rankings are based on: 1) benefits to native fish; 2) public benefits; 3) importance of the waterbody; 4) long-term effectiveness; 5) benefits relative to cost; and 6) cost share. **The ranking committee and Citizen Review Panel recommends that all prioritized projects receive final funding approval according to the Program cost (above).**