



National Fish Passage Program (NFPP)



Application deadline: 12/31/2025



Available funding for FY2025: \$10M

Note: Current as of October 24th, 2025. Subject to change with future announcements (e.g., agency announcements, revised NOFOs).

Source: [National Fish Passage Program Notice of Funding](#)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

NFPP aids in removing instream barriers and restoring aquatic connectivity, improving community safety, and supporting local economies



Goals and merit criteria:

- The goal of the NFPP is to restore ecological connectivity of the Nation's aquatic systems to the maximum extent possible to reconnect fluvial and tidal processes that enable native fish and other aquatic organisms to access a full range of habitat types to meet their life history needs seasonally and annually
- Fish passage projects restore flows, processes, and aquatic species movement by fully or partially removing barriers or providing effective means of bypassing them. Aquatic connectivity promotes adaptation and resilience by enabling aquatic species to adapt, disperse, and adjust to changes in the quality and distribution of habitats, including shifts in habitats and in species geographic ranges
- The community-led projects restore fish passage, expand recreational opportunities, reduce flooding, improve public safety, and support local economies

NFPP Program details

NFPP aims to improve habitat for federal trust species and support infrastructure improvement for communities nationwide

Match funding
requirement: No¹

Eligible grant uses	NFPP project examples include:	
	i) dam removals	
	ii) culvert replacements	
	iii) floodplain restoration	
	v) installation of fishways	
Award amounts	Minimum award	\$1
	Maximum award	\$1,000,000
	Award distribution	Prior round of awards were distributed across 29 states, with individual states winning up to four awards
	Period of performance	Recipients must monitor award activities and report on program performance ²
Previous awards (national)	FY24-25 awards	43 awards (\$70.5M)
Previous awards (MI)	FY24-25 awards	4 awards (\$4.3M)

1. No matching funds are required on individual projects; however, preference may be given to projects leveraging partner support. The program strives for an overall 1:1 partner match, which may include both in-kind and financial resources.
2. Per [2 CFR 200.329](#)
Source: [National Fish Passage Program Notice of Funding, FY24-25 National Fish Passage Projects](#)

High-level application requirements for NFPP

Eligible applicants may be city or township governments, special district governments, county governments, or state governments



Eligible Entities

Eligible applicants include:

- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits

The program seeks and develops projects collaboratively with partners including but not limited to: State and local agencies, Tribes, Non-governmental Organizations, other Federal agencies, and private landowners



Key Grant Application Components

Applicants shall submit an application that includes the following information:

- SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance
- Project abstract summary (OMB 4040-0019)
- Project narrative
- Budget narrative
 - SF-424A for Non-Construction Programs
 - SF-424C for Construction Programs
- Conflict of interest disclosure
- Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement

Examples of past winners in Michigan (FY24-25)



Increasing Arctic Grayling Fish Passage

Partner Project Lead: Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Impacted locality: Michigan
Funding: \$1.3M

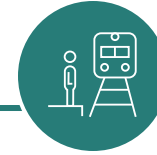
Project description: This project will replace six improperly sized/failing road-stream crossings on Michigan Department of Natural Resources State Forest lands that are barriers to aquatic organism passage in the Upper Manistee River, a priority watershed for restoration of Arctic grayling and a state-designated Natural River



Removal of Peninsular Paper Dam

Partner Project Lead: City of Ypsilanti
Impacted locality: Southeast Michigan
Funding: \$4.6M

Project description: Funds the removal of the Peninsular Paper Dam, a high-hazard dam in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Dam removal will restore the current impoundment to a freely flowing river channel and improve fish passage . Its removal will have positive impacts on federally endangered freshwater mussels, increase habitat diversity, create recreational opportunities, and improve public safety for the local community



Kallio Creek at Skanee Road AOP Restoration

Partner Project Lead: Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Impacted locality: Keweenaw Peninsula
Funding: \$4.6M

Project description: Replacement of a concrete culvert at Kallio Creek at Skanee Rd. It will restore full fish passage and natural stream function at this site, reconnecting over three miles of high-quality trout habitat in Kallio Creek to 25 miles of the Silver River