Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank

The Opportunity

The Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank **(BWS Project Bank)** offers an opportunity for organizations to represent their watershed restoration projects on a national platform. BEF uses the Project Bank to share and learn about organizations and restoration projects and to represent specific projects to corporations seeking opportunities to support environmental water stewardship. Where there is a match between corporate interest and restoration projects, companies may elect to provide funding to support those efforts. In a few very instances, BEF may have corporate funds available for immediate investment.

Eligibility and Guidelines

To be eligible for inclusion in the BWS Project Bank, projects must meet the following criteria:

A. **Organizational Type**
   The BWS Project Bank is a "Member-Only Benefit" for dues-paying River Network Organizational Members. If not already, organizations will need to become organizational members of River Network before their projects are eligible for inclusion in the Project Bank.

B. **Project Type**
   Eligible projects should result in restoration, replenishment or recharge of surface water flows or groundwater and fall into one of the following categories:
   1. Flow Restoration Transaction
   2. Agricultural Water Use Efficiency
   3. Public Awareness and Water Efficiency
   4. Restoration of Natural Hydrology
   5. Barrier and Impoundment Removal
   6. Pollution Reduction and Filtration

   Learn more about eligible project types here.

   If you have multiple projects that fall under the same category, you can summarize all projects and include them all in one Project Bank submission. If you have projects that fall under different categories, please create a separate submission for each category.

C. Project Benefits
Eligible projects should have one or more of the following environmental and social benefits:
- Food and water security
- Groundwater replenishment
- Recreation and economic enhancements
- Sustainable agriculture
- Water efficiency improvement
- Water quality improvement
- Wildlife and habitat improvement
- Environmental flows
- Community engagement and education

Learn more about project benefits here.

D. Project Stage
All stages of project development are eligible for inclusion in the BWS Project Bank: planning, design, and implementation

E. Project Cost and Size
All ranges of project size and cost are eligible for inclusion in the BWS Project Bank

F. Time Period
To be eligible, you should be able to indicate the time period for the environmental and/or social benefits associated with the project:
- Temporarily (1-5 years)
- Long-term (5-10 years)
- Permanently (> 10 years)

How to Submit a Project to the BWS Project Bank

To submit a project, go to: http://businessforwater.org/register and follow the instructions for creating an account.

After you create an account, a password will be emailed to you that will give you access to submit your project(s). After you create an account, you can login at any time to submit projects. There are no deadlines for project submissions. Detailed guidance is provided on the website to support you in submitting your projects.

What to Expect After You Submit a Project

River Network and BEF will review your submission to ensure it meets all eligibility requirements. If changes or edits are required or recommended, we will contact you.

All approved, eligible projects will be uploaded to the BWS Project Bank, and you will receive a notification to inform you once your project is posted.

When a corporation is interested in supporting or learning more about your project, someone from River Network and/or BEF will contact you with details and next steps. River Network will also periodically check-in with you to provide updates and send reminders to check your project post to ensure it stays up-to-date.

Questions?

Contact April Ingle, River Network's Science and Policy Associate, at aingle@rivernetwork.org with any questions or for support in submitting your project to the BWS Project Bank.