

Columbia Basin Collaborative

Funding Sub-group

Recommendation for CBC Funding Options to Integration/Recommendations Group

About

The four states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana have provided funding support for the Columbia Basin Collaborative (CBC) since October 2020. The funding they have secured will run out in the first quarter of 2025. The funding sub-group was convened to identify possible funding options for short-term and long-term funding of the Columbia Basin Collaborative. The following options were proposed:

Short-Term Funding

The following ideas were proposed to cover short-term funding from February 2025 – September 2025:

- Make a short-term request to leverage existing budgets programs from the four states (or other CBC members) to cover CBC operations from Feb 2025 – June 2025.
- Make additional requests from other CBC members (including the four states) from July 2025 - Sep 2025.
- Ask Nik Blosser for advice on short-term funding options through the Columbia River Task Force for supporting data and decision-making.

Long-Term Funding

The following ideas were proposed to support the Columbia Basin Collaborative for the long-term from September 2025 on:

- Discuss the funding model for the future of the CBC with the funding sub-group and I/RG to clarify the scope, scale, and funding needs for moving forward.
- Non-state members can approach state legislatures for long-term funding stability.
- Ask Nik Blosser for advice on long-term funding stability options through the Columbia River Task Force for supporting data and decision-making.
- Ask CBC members to consider potential Non-Governmental Organizations support such as the Ford Foundation or other philanthropic organizations.