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Valley water-quality projects receive \$300,000 in funding

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Cyclists ride past a section of Mission Creek that has been returned to a more natural state. Sections of the creek have been returned to a more normal state in a long-term restoration project aimed at undoing damage caused by the waterway's channelization in the 1950s.

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Eighteen projects designed to improve water quality in the Okanagan have been awarded \$300,000 in taxpayer funding.

In Kelowna, one of the initiatives aims to return long sections of Mission Creek to a more natural course.

The project, which received a grant of \$25,000, is said to have beneficial effects that include flood prevention, habitat restoration, improved water quality and better sediment control.

Money for the grants comes from taxpayers in each Okanagan regional district. The allocation is done by the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Other Central Okanagan projects to receive funding include:

— \$13,000 for the town of Peachland to study the risk of another major landslide occurring along Law Creek, like one that occurred last year



— \$20,000 for a project to explain how boating activity in Wood and Kalamalka lakes might be affecting the quality of drinking water

— \$15,000 to study the environmental impact of wood debris blockages in Whiteman Creek at the north end of the regional district along Westside Road.



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