

FY 2022-2023 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

This is only a summary; applicants should <u>not</u> rely on it to meet application requirements. Study the full grant opportunity announcement before applying for any federal grant.

Program Description – Funds made available are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that seek to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.

Opportunity Numbers – 693JJ323NF00011	Agency – USDOT			
Obligation Deadline: September 20, 2025 for FY	Closing – August 1, 2023, 11:59 PM	BCA Required? No		
2022 funds, September 30, 2026 for FY 2023 funds	EST			
Available Funding: Up to \$111.85M for FY 2022	NOFO & Related – https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-			
and FY 2023	opportunity.html?oppId=347288			
Minimum Award: No minimum or maximum	Eligible Project Cost Restrictions: Pre-award WCP costs will not			
award size; applicants are encouraged to submit for	be reimbursed			
large-scale projects with total project costs of				
\$200K or more; 60% or more of funding to projects	Required Cost Share: At least 20% non-Federal match, some			
located in rural areas.	safety projects may be covered up to 100% Federal.			

Statutorily Required Available Funding:

Applicants are encouraged to submit for large-scale projects with total project costs of \$200K or more; 60% or more of funding to go to projects located in rural areas.

Eligibility: Pgs 14-15

- 1. No limit on number of applications
- 2. Only one project may be included in each application
- ${\bf 3. \ \ State\ DOT\ consultation\ is\ an\ eligibility\ requirement}$
- 4. Projects must seek to achieve a reduction in WVCs
- 5. May be construction or non-construction projects
- 6. Eligible project costs for non-construction projects: planning, research, public outreach, and feasibility analysis Eligible project costs for construction projects: environmental review, PE and design work, preservation, replacement, reconstruction, rehabilitation, acquisition of property and ROW, environmental mitigation, permitting, public outreach project monitoring, construction contingencies, and operations.

Reduction	Improvement of	Leveraging	Economic	Innovation	Education	Monitoring	Survival of
of	Terrestrial and	Investments	Development		and	and	Species
Wildlife	Aquatic Habitat		and Visitation		Outreach	Research	
Vehicle	Connectivity		Opportunities				
Collisions							

Eligible Applicants – (1) State DOTs; (2) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs); (3) units of local government; (4) regional transportation authorities; (5) special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function; (6) Indian tribes; (7) and Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA).

Eligible Projects – examples, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Research on safety innovations to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs)
- 2. Research and monitoring on the effectiveness of WVC mitigation
- 3. Development of mapping tools to document WVCs
- 4. Analysis of impacts of WVCs and best practices to reduce WVCs
- 5. Planning studies to identify terrestrial and aquatic wildlife mitigation corridors and roadway barriers to habitat that lead to WVCs
- 6. Tracking wildlife and mapping WVCs
- 7. Outreach activities to educate the public on the hazards of WVCs
- 8. Design and pre-construction of an underpass or overpass for wildlife passage



- 9. Environmental permitting and right-of-way acquisition to construct a wildlife crossing structure
- 10. Adaption or replacement of a culvert or bridge structure to accommodate connectivity for terrestrial species that are experiencing WVCs
- 11. Construction of a wildlife overpass or underpass and fencing
- 12. Preservation or restoration of habitat necessary to secure the effectiveness of a crossing project
- 13. Construction of multiple crossing structures in an area to connect habitat for terrestrial or aquatic species

Application & Narrative Requirements -

Required components include: SF-424, Grants.gov Lobbying Form, SF-LLL, SF-424A, SF-424B, Project Abstract and Project Narrative. Project Abstract should not exceed one page in length. Project Narrative should be no longer than 25 pages, excluding cover pages, TOC, and appendices (preference toward website links rather than copies). Clearly identify within narrative the relevant portion the supporting document supports. Standard formatting: i.e. single-spaced, standard 12-point such as Times New Roman, 1-inch margins.