

## FY 2022-2023 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

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

<b>Submittal Deadline</b> 8/1/2023	<b>Period of Performance</b> Upon Execution of Award Agreement and obligated by 9/20/25 for FY22, 9/30/26 for FY 23
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	State DOTs; MPOs; units of local government; regional transportation authorities; special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function; Indian tribes; and Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA).
<b>Program Description</b>	Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that seek to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial & aquatic species.
<b>Eligible Projects</b>	Research on safety innovations to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs); Research and monitoring on the effectiveness of WVC mitigation; Development of mapping tools to document WVCs; Analysis of impacts of WVCs and best practices to reduce WVCs; . Planning studies to identify terrestrial and aquatic wildlife mitigation corridors and roadway barriers to habitat that lead to WVCs; Tracking wildlife and mapping WVCs; Outreach activities to educate the public on the hazards of WVCs; Design and pre-construction of an underpass or overpass for wildlife passage; Environmental permitting and right-of-way acquisition to construct a wildlife crossing structure; Adaption or replacement of a culvert or bridge structure to accommodate connectivity for terrestrial species that are experiencing WVCs; Construction of a wildlife overpass or underpass and fencing; Preservation or restoration of habitat necessary to secure the effectiveness of a crossing project; Construction of multiple crossing structures in an area to connect habitat for terrestrial or aquatic species
<b>Eligible Costs</b>	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.
<b>Additional Information</b>	<i>Program Merit Criteria:</i> Reduction of Wildlife Vehicle Collisions, Improvement of Terrestrial and Aquatic Habitat Connectivity, Leveraging Investments, Economic Development and Visitation Opportunities, Innovation, Education and Outreach, Monitoring and Research, Survival of Species