Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program
Total funding: $350M over 5 years

The Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) was established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Act) to provide grants for projects that seek to:

1. Reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions
2. While improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.

Eligible Applicants. Entities eligible to apply for a grant under the WCPP include:

- A state highway agency or equivalent
- A metropolitan planning organization
- A unit of local government
- A regional transportation authority
- A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority
- An Indian tribe including a Native village and a Native Corporation
- A Federal land management agency
- A group of any of the above entities

Eligible Partners. Eligible Partners include all eligible applicants identified above PLUS foundations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academic institutions, and other Federal, tribal, regional or state government entities.

Selection Criteria. In addition to its primary goal of reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions while improving connectivity, secondary selection criteria include:

- Leveraging the investment of Federal funds by encouraging non-Federal contributions, including projects spearheaded by public-private partnerships
- Supporting local economies and improving local visitation opportunities
- Integration of innovative technologies including next-generation design techniques and other approaches aimed at increasing the project’s efficacy in reducing crashes while improving aquatic and terrestrial connectivity
- Inclusion of educational and outreach opportunities
- Incorporation of evaluative monitoring and/or research opportunities that will aid in identifying best management practices
- Other relevant criteria, as deemed appropriate

Source: H.R. 3684, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, § 11123. (Authors Note: The Act’s legislative text is broadly quoted and/or paraphrased throughout this summary document; all direct quotation marks are omitted.)

Rural & Federal-Aid Requirements. At least 60% of grant funds are to be awarded for projects located in rural areas. Projects are to be treated as Federal-aid projects.

Annual Report to Congress. An annual report describing WCPP activities undertaken during the prior fiscal year is due to Congress by December 31 of each calendar year.

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Additional resources:
- The Wonderful World of Wildlife Crossings
- H.R. 3684 Summary of wildlife-related text
- Highway Crossings for Wildlife
- Wildlife Crossing FAQs
- Roadways & Wildlife infographic