

Wildlife Infrastructure Funding Opportunities within the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

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| | | FLMA | Tribe | State DOT | MPO | Local Gov't | | | | |
| <u>Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program</u> (23 USC § 171) | \$350M | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | New | NG | 80% | Projects to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions while improving terrestrial and aquatic connectivity |
| <u>Bridge Investment Program</u> (23 USC § 124) | \$12.2B | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | New | NG Notice is OPEN; apps due 7/25, 8/9, & 9/8 | Generally 50% or 80% but cannot exceed 23 USC § 120; up to 90% for off-system bridges (OSB) | Up to 5% annually may go to projects to replace or rehabilitate culverts to improve flood control and habitat connectivity for aquatic species; environmental mitigation is also an eligible expense during bridge re/construction |
| <u>Bridge Formula Program</u> (IIJA § 11108(a)(2)(A)) | \$26.7B | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | New | State FA | Same as 23 USC § 120; plus up to 100% for OSB | Wildlife mitigation appears to be an eligible expense during bridge reconstruction/construction/rehabilitation, given expanded definition of “construction” |
| <u>National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration Program</u> (49 USC § 6703) | \$1B | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | New | NG Summer 2022 | Up to 80% | Projects to replace, remove, or repair culverts or weirs to restore anadromous fish passage, including infrastructure to facilitate fish passage around or over weirs, or weir improvements |
| <u>PROTECT</u> (23 USC § 176) | \$7.3B State FA \$1.4B NG | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | New | Hybrid: State FA + NG | Typically 80%, may be up to 100% for Federal and Tribal grants | <u>Wildlife infrastructure is not expressly eligible</u> ; however, PROTECT provides financial assistance to improve infrastructure resiliency via “protective features,” such as increasing the size or number of drainage structures, which may improve aquatic and/or terrestrial connectivity |
| <u>Pollinator-Friendly Program</u> (23 USC § 223) | \$10M | FY22 – NOT FUNDED | | | | | New | NG | 100% | Activities to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way |
| <u>Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program</u> (23 USC § 173) | \$1B | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | New | NG | Typically 80%, except ADHS, DASP projects | Wildlife-related projects in Rural Areas otherwise eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Tribal Transportation Program, and Highway Safety Improvement Program |
| <u>INFRA</u> (23 USC § 117) | \$7.25B | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Expanded | NG | Typically 60%; up to 80% for small projects | Wildlife crossing projects |
| <u>Surface Transportation Block Grant Program</u> (23 USC § 133) | \$72B (including TAP) | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Expanded | State FA | Typically 80%, except projects on Interstate System (90%) & certain states | Construction, addition or retrofitting of wildlife crossings plus projects and strategies to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, including project-related planning, design, construction, monitoring, and preventative maintenance |
| <u>Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grants</u> | \$7.5B | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Existing | NG | Typically 80%; except rural, disadvantaged, or persistent poverty areas | Wildlife-related highway and bridge projects eligible under Title 23 USC programs, plus projects to improve aquatic connectivity by replacing or rehabilitating culverts or preventing stormwater runoff |

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| <u>Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)</u> (23 USC § 133(h)) | \$7.2B | | ✓ | ✓** | ✓ | ✓ | Existing | State FG | Typically 80%, except in certain states | Environmental mitigation to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore or maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats |
| <u>Highway Safety Improvement Program</u> (23 USC § 148) | \$15.6B | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Existing | State FA | Up to 90%, except as set forth in 23 USC § 120 | Adding or retrofitting structures or other measures to eliminate or reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions |
| <u>Federal Lands Transportation Program</u> (23 USC § 203) | \$2.2B | ✓ | | | | | Expanded | Federal FA | Up to 100% | Environmental mitigation to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity; or to mitigate damage to wildlife, aquatic organism passage, habitat, and ecosystem connectivity including constructing, replacing, maintaining, or removing culverts and bridges |
| <u>Federal Lands Access Program</u> (23 USC § 204) | \$1.5B | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | Existing | State FG | Up to 100% | Environmental mitigation to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while improving or maintaining habitat connectivity |
| <u>Tribal Transportation Program (TTP)</u> (23 USC § 202) | \$3B | | ✓ | | | | Existing | Tribal FA | Up to 100% | Environmental mitigation to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity; or to mitigate damage to wildlife, aquatic organism passage, habitat, and ecosystem connectivity including constructing, replacing, maintaining, or removing culverts and bridges |
| <u>TTP Safety Fund</u> (23 USC § 202(e)) | \$120M | | | | | | | NG Notice is OPEN! apps are due 9/15 | | |
| <u>Nationally Significant Federal Lands & Tribal Projects Program</u> (FAST § 1123(c)) | \$275M | ✓ | ✓ | ✓** | | ✓** | Existing | NG | Up to 90% for Federal Lands; up to 100% for Tribal | Same as Federal Lands Transportation Program, Federal Lands Access Program, and Tribal Transportation Program, except projects must be "continuous" |

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LEGEND:

* Applying jointly with one or more States

** If requested or sponsored by another eligible entity

Process: National Grant (NG), Formula Allocation (FA), Formula Grant (FG)

Applicants: Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA); Department of Transportation (DOT); Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); Government (Gov't)

Timing: **Green Bold:** A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is open and applications are being accepted until the noted deadline. Click on the program name to view an **At-A-Glance** summary of eligibility requirements. **Orange Italic:** NOFO is expected in August 2022. **Gold:** NOFO is expected in Summer 2022.

Sources: [Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act](#); [FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#); [FHWA Funding](#); [FHWA HSIP](#); [White House Guidebook](#); [USDOT Upcoming NOFOs](#)

NOTE: This guidance chart was prepared by Renee Callahan on behalf of ARC Solutions, National Parks Conservation Association, and Wildlands Network. ARC Solutions is a not-for-profit network whose mission is to identify and promote leading-edge solutions to improve human safety, wildlife mobility and long-term landscape connectivity. ARC is fiscally sponsored by *Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs*. Contact: Renee Callahan (info@arc-solutions.org).

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