

WILDLIFE INFRASTRUCTURE AT-A-GLANCE

Bridge Investment Program

The FY22 window for applying to the Bridge Investment Program is now closed. Information provided in this At-A-Glance summary is based on the FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity, and will be updated upon release of the FY23 Notice.

FY22 Next Steps: The FY2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) was published on June 10, 2022. The FY22 Notice solicits applications for three types of BIP funding opportunities and will award up to \$20M for (1) Planning, and up to \$2.34B for (2) Bridge Projects and (3) Large Bridge Projects. For the FY22 funding cycle, Planning applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 25, 2022; Bridge Project applications (for projects with total eligible costs of less than \$100M) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on September 8, 2022; and Large Bridge Project applications (for projects with total eligible costs of more than \$100M) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on August 9, 2022. **NOTE:** Applicants must register and use the www.grants.gov system to submit applications electronically. Applicants are encouraged to register in advance of the submission deadline and to register to receive notifications of updates/amendments, as approval of user registrations may take multiple weeks; applicants are also responsible for monitoring any updates to the pending Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Key features of the BIP grant program are described below, including:

- The total amount of funding allocated to the program for Federal FY22-FY26
- A summary of eligible wildlife-related projects and eligible funding recipients
- An overview of the competitive grant process for accessing these funding sources
- The amount of the project that can be supported by Federal funds
- Links to additional resources

Additional Resources:

- [President Biden, U.S. DOT Open Applications for First Round of Funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's New Competitive Bridge Investment Program](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [Bridge Investment Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Questions and Answers](#)
- [Bridge Investment Program Overview Webinar \(6/10/2022\) \[Presentation\]](#)

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BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (BIP) (23 USC § 124)

Amount: \$12.5B over FY22-26; \$2.36B available in FY22.

Eligible wildlife-related projects: Aimed at encouraging investment to improve the condition, safety, efficiency, and reliability of our nation’s bridges and culvert system for both people and freight, eligible activities include projects to replace, rehabilitate, preserve or protect bridges on the National Bridge Inventory, including bundles of projects and projects to “replace or rehabilitate culverts for the purpose of improving flood control and *improved habitat connectivity for aquatic species.*” [Notice](#) at p. 11, 15-16 & n.11 (*emphasis added*). Environmental mitigation measures also qualify as an eligible expense for bridge re/construction projects, *see* [Notice](#) at p. 17 (eligible project costs include “construction, which includes ... environmental mitigation”); *see also* 23 USC § 101(a)(4)(H) (revising the statutory definition of the term “construction” to expressly include “improvements that reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions, such as wildlife crossing structures”).

Eligible recipients:

- A State or group of States (or their political subdivisions)
- Metropolitan planning organizations serving populations of over 200,000
- A local government unit or group of local governments (or their political subdivisions)
- Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function
- Federal land management agencies
- Tribal governments or a consortium of Tribal governments
- Multistate or multijurisdictional groups of entities described above

Process: Competitive grant process. Evaluation criteria vary based on the type of project but generally include whether the project addresses a needed improvement to the bridge’s condition and whether the project will benefit safety, human and freight mobility, the national or regional economy, long-term infrastructure resiliency, and the environment, including wildlife connectivity, as well as other considerations. [Notice](#) at pp. 37-62.

Federal-share payable: Awards for Large Bridge Projects are capped at 50% of total eligible project costs, with Bridge Project awards capped at 80% of total eligible costs. [Notice](#) at p. 14. In addition, total Federal assistance for a BIP project may not exceed the maximum Federal-share allowed under Section 120. [Notice](#) at p. 14. Exceptions exist for eligible off-system bridge projects, which may receive total Federal assistance (BIP plus non-BIP) of up to 90% of total eligible costs. [Notice](#) at p. 14. A Federal land manager, a Tribe or a consortium of Tribes may also use non-BIP Federal funds to pay for the remaining share of a BIP project. [Notice](#) at p. 15.

Additional details of potential interest:

- *5% Limitation on Culvert Funding.* Up to 5% of BIP grant funding for each fiscal year may be made available for eligible projects consisting solely of culvert replacement or rehabilitation (24 USC § 124(c)(6)). [Notice](#) at p. 11.
- *Award Sizes.* There is no minimum or maximum award amount size for Planning grants. BIP grants for Large Bridge Projects have to be for at least \$50M, and the maximum amount of assistance provided by a BIP grant is capped at 50% of total eligible project costs. BIP grants for Bridge Projects have to be for at least \$2.5M, and the maximum amount of BIP assistance cannot exceed 80% of total eligible project costs. [Notice](#) at p. 10.