

New and Expanded Wildlife-Related Funding Opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

PROGRAM	FY22-26	ELIGIBILITY
US Department of Transportation / Federal Highway Administration		
Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program <i>WCPP</i>	\$350M	Competitive grant funding for projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions while Improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species
Bridge Investment Program <i>BIP</i>	\$12.2B	Competitive grant funding Eligible projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project to replace or rehabilitate culverts for the purpose of improving flood control and improved habitat connectivity for aquatic species
Pollinator-Friendly Highways <i>P-F Hwys.</i>	\$10M	Competitive grant funding Provides grants to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way, including the planting and seeding of native, locally-appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including milkweed Not funded in FY22
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation <i>PROTECT</i>	\$7.3B formula funding \$1.4B grants	Competitive grant and formula allocation funding for activities that include planning and improvements to increase infrastructure resiliency to extreme weather events, changing conditions (e.g., sea level rise, flooding, wildfires) and other natural disasters, including by incorporating natural infrastructure and protective features
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program <i>RURAL</i>	\$1B	Competitive grants for wildlife-related projects in Rural Areas that are otherwise eligible under STBGP, TTP, and HSIP
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program <i>STBGP</i>	\$64.8B	Formula allocation funding Eligible projects expanded to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of wildlife crossing structures Projects and strategies designed to reduce WVCs, including project-related planning, design, construction, monitoring, and preventative maintenance
Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Projects <i>INFRA</i>	\$7.25B	Competitive grant funding Eligible projects expanded to include wildlife crossing projects
Federal Lands Transportation Program <i>FLTP</i>	\$2.2B	Federal formula allocation to Federal Land Management Agencies Doubles annual cap on FLTP funds from \$10 to \$20 million per year for projects to reduce vehicle-related animal mortality while maintaining connectivity
Transportation Alternatives Program <i>TAP</i>	\$7.2B	Formula allocation funding that employs a competitive grant process at the state level Eligible entities expanded to include all NGOs Eligible projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity, including projects to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore / maintain terrestrial and aquatic habitat connectivity

New program created under IIJA

Crossing eligibility and/or funding expanded under IIJA

Existing program under which crossings were already eligible



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Funding eligibility by entity / facility:

TRIBES
WCPP, BIP, INFRA, P-F Hwys., Culverts, PROTECT, TAP, FLAP, TTPSF, RURAL, STBGP, RAISE, HSIP, NSFLTP, NOAA (T)FP, NFPP

FLMA

FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES
WCPP, BIP, INFRA, FLTP¹, P-F Hwys., PROTECT, HSIP, NSFLTP

Tribe

STATE AGENCIES & DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION
WCPP, BIP, STBGP, INFRA, P-F Hwys., Culverts, PROTECT, HSIP, FLAP, RURAL, RAISE, TAP^{**}, NSFLTP^{**}, NOAA FP, NFPP

State / DOT

MPO

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
WCPP, BIP, INFRA, PROTECT, STBGP, TAP, RAISE, HSIP, NFPP

Local Gov't

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
WCPP, BIP, INFRA, Culverts, PROTECT, TAP, FLAP, RURAL, STBGP, RAISE, HSIP, NSFLTP^{**}, NOAA FP, NFPP

¹when applying jointly with one or more states

^{**} if requested or sponsored by another eligible entity

Federal Funding Opportunities to Reduce Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions and Improve Fish Passage & Habitat Connectivity

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Existing Wildlife-Related Funding Opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

PROGRAM	FY22-26	ELIGIBILITY
US Department of Transportation / Federal Highway Administration		
Highway Safety Improvement Program <i>HSIP</i>	\$15.6B	Formula allocation funding Eligible projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The addition or retrofitting of structures or other measures to eliminate or reduce crashes involving vehicles and wildlife
Federal Lands Access Program <i>FLAP</i>	\$1.5B	Formula allocation funding that employs a competitive grant process at the state level Eligible projects include activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity <i>RAISE</i>	\$7.5B	National grant program for wildlife-related highway and bridge projects that are eligible under Title 23 USC programs, plus projects to improve aquatic connectivity by replacing or rehabilitating culverts or preventing stormwater runoff
Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund <i>TTPSF</i>	\$120M	Competitive tribal grant for adding or retrofitting structures or other measures to eliminate or reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions
Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects <i>NSFLTP</i>	\$275M	Competitive grant program for wildlife-related projects that are otherwise eligible under FLTP, FLAP and TTP, except projects must be "continuous"

Fish Passage Funding Opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

PROGRAM	FY22-26	ELIGIBILITY
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration		
Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants <i>NOAA FP</i>	\$340M	Competitive grants to support fish passage through the removal of dams and other in-stream barriers for native migratory or sea-run fish
Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants <i>NOAA TFP</i>	\$60M	Competitive grants to remove barriers to fish passage for native migratory or sea-run fish
US Fish and Wildlife Service		
National Fish Passage Program <i>NFPP</i>	\$200M	Funding to restore fish and wildlife passage by removing in-stream barriers and providing technical assistance
US Department of Transportation / Federal Highway Administration		
National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program <i>Culverts</i>	\$1B	Competitive grants for projects to replace, remove, and repair culverts or weirs to improve or restore anadromous fish passage

Notes:

¹ An FLMA may also benefit indirectly from FLAP, where it owns the Federal Lands Access Transportation Facility, but maintenance is vested in a State, Tribe or local government.

Sources:

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, Pub. L. 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021); FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; USDOT State-specific Fact Sheets; FHWA Funding Authorizations; FHWA HSIP; NOAA Fisheries; Funding Opportunities