

WILDLIFE INFRASTRUCTURE AT-A-GLANCE

NATIONAL CULVERT REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, AND RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM (NATIONAL CULVERT) (49 USC § 6703)

The FY22 window for applying to the National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant 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.

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

- ❖ Links to additional resources
- ❖ 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 *Additional resources:*
 - **Website:** [National Culvert Removal, Replacement & Restoration Grants](#)
 - [Notice Of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)
 - [Application TEMPLATE](#)
 - [Sign up to receive Culvert AOP Program email notifications](#)
 - **Webinar #1: How to Apply for National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants: General Overview, 10/26/2022 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. ET, [Register](#)**
 - **U.S Fish & Wildlife Service:** [Culvert Design Guidelines for Ecological Function](#)

Amount: \$1B in FY22-26; up to \$196M in FY22

Eligible wildlife-related projects: Eligible projects include (1) projects to replace, remove or repair culverts that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish; and (2) projects to replace, remove or repair weirs that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. Weir projects may include—“(A) infrastructure to facilitate fish passage around or over the weir; and (B) weir improvements.” [Notice](#) at p. 12.

Eligible recipients:

- States
- Tribes
- Local governments

Process: Competitive grant. [Notice](#) at pp. 5-7.

Priority projects include:

- projects that would improve fish passage for
 - anadromous fish stocks that are or could reasonably become threatened or endangered;
 - anadromous fish stocks identified as prey for threatened, endangered or protected species (including Southern resident orcas); or
 - anadromous fish stocks identified as climate resilient stocks; and
- projects that would open up more than 200 meters of upstream (anadromous) natural habitat. [Notice](#) at p. 5.

Federal-share payable: The Federal share of the project may be up to 80%, with grant recipients required to contribute a matching share of at least 20%. [Notice](#) at p. 11.

Additional details of potential interest:

- USDOT, in coordination with the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, shall provide technical assistance to Tribes and underserved communities to aid in project design and grant procedures. [Notice](#) at pp. 7-8.

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[FY22 National Culvert Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).