

[NEW] Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (discretionary)

Purpose	Support projects that seek to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions, and in carrying out that purpose, improve habitat connectivity
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350 M (FY 22-26) in Contract Authority from the HTF
Eligible entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State highway agency (or equivalent) • MPO • Local government • Regional transportation authority • Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function • Indian Tribe • Federal land management agency
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions
Other key provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets aside not less than 60% of grant funds for projects in rural areas • Provision related to pilot program requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ study of methods to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions; ○ workforce development and technical training courses with; ○ standardized methodology for collecting and reporting spatially accurate wildlife collision and carcass data for the NHS; and ○ guidance on evaluating highways for potential mitigation measures to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and increase habitat connectivity.