

NATIONAL CULVERT REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, AND RESTORATION GRANTS

Program Summary

The National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Program) awards grants for projects for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs that meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. Anadromous fish species are born in freshwater such as streams and rivers, spend most of their lives in the marine environment, and migrate back to freshwater to spawn.

This NOFO establishes a multi-year funding opportunity for applicants to submit projects for the remaining available amount of funds provided to the Culvert AOP Program in division J of Title VIII of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or BIL), covering funds available for FY 2023 through FY 2026.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

A State, a unit of local government, or a Tribe.

Eligible Projects

Culverts and Weirs having a transportation nexus and posing barriers to anadromous fish. With respect to weirs, projects may include infrastructure to facilitate fish passage around or over the weir and weir improvements.

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- The Federal government shall develop a process to provide technical assistance to Indian Tribes and underserved communities to assist in the project design and grant process and procedures.
- DOT encourages applicants, to the extent practicable, to provide supporting data and documentation in a form that is publicly available or verifiable.
- Applicants are encouraged to identify scaled funding options in case insufficient fundings available to fund a project or a bundled project to distribute costs.
- There is no limitation on the number of applications that may be submitted by an eligible applicant. Each application must be complete and be able to stand on its own merits.
- FHWA will prioritize projects that would improve fish passage for Anadromous fish stocks under specific conditions. See NOFO for more details.
- FHWA will prioritize projects that would open up more than 200 meters of upstream anadromous habitat before the end of the natural habitat.

Funding Details

Project Size: There is no minimum or maximum award size.

Cost Sharing:

- Maximum Federal share is 80%.
- Tribes are not required to provide a cost share under the Culvert AOP Program.

FY 2023-2026

Funding Available:

\$784 Million (\$196 Million per year)

Total Funding Available:

\$1 Billion

Important Dates

FY 2023 Deadline:
September 23, 2024

FY 2024 Deadline:
August 25, 2025

FY 2025 Deadline:
August 24, 2026

FY 2026 Deadline:
August 23, 2027

Partnerships

DOT encourages joint applications from Eligible Applicants with a lead applicant identified. An Eligible Entity may bundle two or more Eligible Projects as a single application.

Resources

- [Website](#)
- [NOFO](#)



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