



Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program



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This is a webinar for the Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

FY 2024 – FY 2025 Application Period: June 6, 2024 to September 4, 2024, 11:59 p.m. ET

FY 2026 Application Period: May 1, 2025 to August 1, 2025, 11:59 p.m. ET

Website Link: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/wildlife-crossings>

NOFO Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354738>

Funding Opportunity Number: 693JJ324NF00023



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WCPP Overview



Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions (WVCs) present a danger to human safety and wildlife survival.

- There are more than 1,000,000 WVCs annually (23 U.S.C. § 171(a)(1)).
- WVCs result in a total estimated annual cost of \$8.38 billion (23 U.S.C. § 171(a)(3)).
- WVCs result in tens of thousands of serious injuries and hundreds of fatalities within the United States (23 U.S.C. § 171(a)(2)(B)).
- WVCs threaten the survival of species (23 U.S.C. § 171(a)(4)).



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WCPP Overview



WCPP was established in Section 11123(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-58, November 15, 2021), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and codified at 23 U.S.C. § 171.

The WCPP provides competitive grants for projects that seek to **reduce the number of WVCs** and, in doing so, **improve habitat connectivity** for terrestrial and aquatic species (23 U.S.C. § 171(b)).



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For the purposes of this NOFO,

Wildlife are defined as native wild animals. Livestock, domesticated animals, and animals with domesticated ancestors are not wildlife.

A **vehicle** is defined as a motor vehicle operating on a roadway.



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WCPP Funding



Fiscal Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Available	\$60M	\$65M	\$70M	\$75M	\$80M	\$350M

Funds are authorized under BIL § 11101(d)(1) and appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund. The total amount available to be awarded may be less than the funding amount due to the imposition of the annual limitation on FHWA contract authority.



This NOFO announces two application periods:

FY 2024 and FY 2025 Application Period

is making up to \$145M available.

Application Period Opens: June 6, 2024

Application Period Deadline: September 4,
2024, 11:59 pm ET

FY 2026 Application Period

is making up to \$80M available.

Application Period Opens: May 1, 2025

Application Period Deadline: August 1,
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WCPP NOFO



As required by 2 CFR part 200, Appendix I, all NOFOs are comprised of 8 standard sections:

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WCPP NOFO



Between the FY22-23 NOFO and FY24-26 NOFO, changes have been made to the application period timeframes in Section A and D, and rating criteria in Section E.

Each application will be evaluated independently. There is no preference for applications or applicants who have previously applied or been selected or not selected for the WCPP.

FHWA will not carry over applications from one application period to the next.



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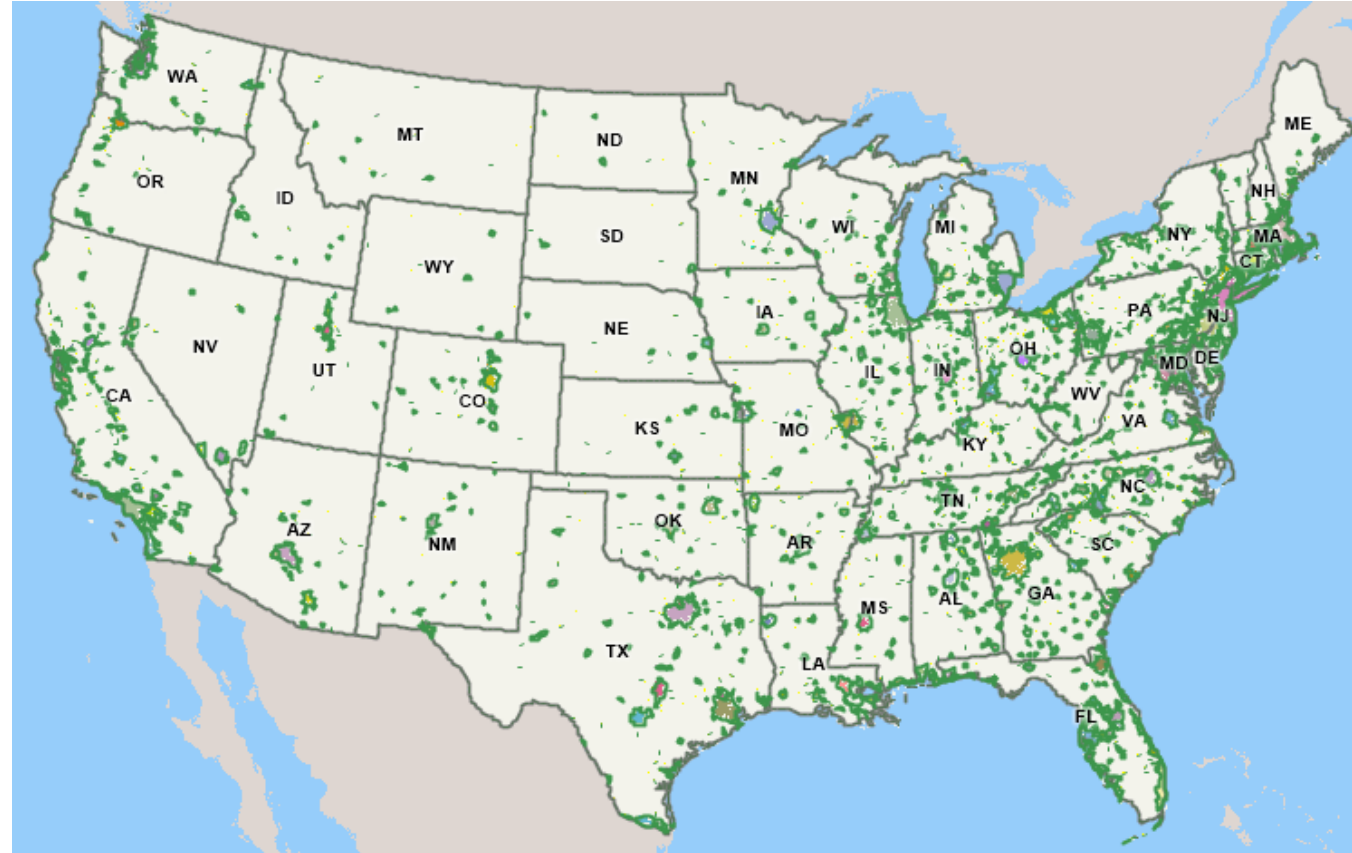


WCPP Funding



At least 60% of funds will be awarded to rural areas (23 U.S.C. § 171(g)).

- Rural areas are all areas that are not urban (23 U.S.C. 101(a)(25)).
- For the purposes of this NOFO, urban areas are FHWA Adjusted Urban Areas. A map of urban areas can be found here:
 - <https://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/fhwagis/ViewMap.aspx?map=MPO+Boundaries|FHWA%20Adjusted%20Urban%20Area>
- All locations not entirely designated as urban will be considered rural. FHWA will consider projects that are in both urban and rural areas as rural.



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WCPP Application Review Process

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Is the application Complete?

Is the application Eligible?

- Eligible Applicant
- State DOT Consultation Requirement met, if applicable
- Cost Share



WCPP Eligible Applicants



Eligible Applicants are the following entities or a group of such entities (23 U.S.C. § 171(c)):

1. A State Department of Transportation (State DOT);
2. A metropolitan planning organization (MPO);
3. A unit of local government;
4. A regional transportation authority;
5. A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function;
6. An Indian Tribe; or
7. A Federal land management agency (FLMA).



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For a group of entities, a lead applicant must be identified. For projects submitted by a group of applicants, the requirements that apply to the lead applicant will apply to the application and grant, if awarded.



Eligible Applicants are the following entities or a group of such entities:

1. A State DOT;
2. An MPO;
3. A unit of local government;
4. A regional transportation authority;
5. A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function;
6. An Indian Tribe; or
7. An FLMA.

Must consult with the State DOT where the applicant is located (23 U.S.C. § 171 (d)(2))

Tribes are only required to consult with the State DOT for projects that are not located on Tribal Lands

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2. An MPO;
3. A unit of local government;
4. A regional transportation authority;
5. A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function;
6. An Indian Tribe; or
7. An FLMA.

Grants administered by the State DOT for the State in which the project is located (23 U.S.C. § 171(f)(2)(A)(ii))

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1. A State DOT;
2. An MPO;
3. A unit of local government;
4. A regional transportation authority;
5. A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function;
6. An Indian Tribe; or
7. An FLMA.

Grants administered by the State DOT

Grants administered by FHWA (23 U.S.C. § 171(f)(2)(A)(i))

For a group of entities, a lead applicant must be identified. For projects submitted by a group of applicants, the requirements that apply to the lead applicant will apply to the application and grant, if awarded.



Eligible Applicants can provide funding Eligible Partners, including (23 U.S.C. § 171(f)(2)(B)):

- An MPO;
- A unit of local government;
- A regional transportation authority;
- A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function;
- An Indian Tribe;
- An FLMA;
- A foundation, nongovernmental organization, or institution of higher education;
- A Federal, Tribal, regional, or State government entity; or
- A group of the above eligible entities



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Eligible Applicants can also provide funding to subrecipients and contractors.

WCPP Eligible Project Types

NOFO Section C.3.c



Non-Construction and Construction Projects are Eligible.

Construction projects include all activities that lead to a built project, while non-construction projects include all other projects, such as research projects and planning studies

Applicants must determine if the project is Non-Construction or Construction, then submit the corresponding forms with their application.



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Examples of Non-Construction Projects

- Research on safety innovations to reduce WVCs;
- Research and monitoring on the effectiveness of WVC mitigation;
- Development of mapping tools to document WVCs;
- Analysis of impacts of WVCs and best practices to reduce WVCs;
- Planning studies to identify terrestrial and aquatic wildlife migration corridors and roadway barriers to habitat that lead to WVCs;
- Developing or updating Statewide Transportation and Wildlife Action Plans;
- Tracking wildlife and mapping WVCs; or
- Outreach campaign to educate the public on the hazards of WVCs.

Examples of Construction Projects

- Design and pre-construction of an underpass or overpass for wildlife passage;
- Environmental permitting and right-of-way acquisition to construct a wildlife crossing structure;
- Adaptation or replacement of a culvert or bridge structure to accommodate connectivity for terrestrial species that are experiencing WVCs;
- Construction of a wildlife overpass or underpass and fencing;
- Preservation or restoration of habitat necessary to secure the effectiveness of a crossing project; or
- Construction of multiple crossing structures in an area to connect habitat for terrestrial or aquatic species.

WCPP Eligible Project Costs



Eligible Project Costs include the following:

Examples of Non-Construction Project Costs	Examples of Construction Project Costs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning• Research• Public outreach• Feasibility analyses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental review• Preliminary engineering and design work• Preservation• Replacement• Reconstruction• Rehabilitation• Acquisition of real property and rights-of-way	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental mitigation• Permitting• Public outreach• Project monitoring• Construction contingencies• Operations

Projects may consist of subsets of activities that are eligible (e.g. only environmental reviews and permitting). All project costs must conform to 2 CFR part 200, Subpart E and FHWA reserves the right to make cost eligibility determinations on a case-by-case basis.

WCPP Eligible Project Size



There is no minimum or maximum project size.

Applicants are encouraged to submit projects of \$200,000 or greater.



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WCPP Eligible Project Duration



There is no required project duration.

Research and monitoring efforts may occur for several years.

Once a grant agreement is executed, and funds are obligated, they are available until expended (subject to requirements and policies regarding inactive obligations).

For grants to State DOTs, or administered by State DOTs, the DOT Payment System will be “Current Bill” in FHWA’s Financial Management Information System (FMIS) and the start of the period of performance will begin on the date that WCPP funds are authorized in FMIS and end on the project end date in FMIS.

For grants to Tribes or FLMAs, the DOT Payment System will be “DELPHI iSupplier” and the start of the period of performance will begin on the effective date of the grant agreement as executed by FHWA and the recipient and end on the project end date of the period of performance that is listed in the grant agreement.

FHWA is reporting program progress annually to Congress on this pilot program.



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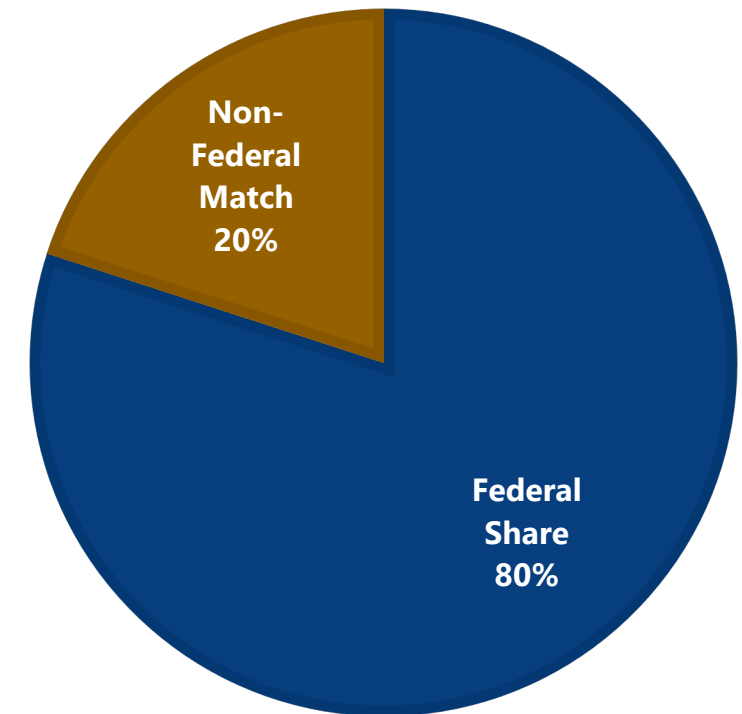
All projects and applicants are subject to the cost share requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 120.

- In general, applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost.
- The match must come from **non-Federal sources** unless specifically authorized by Congress.

There are some exceptions to the general matching share requirement of 20%

- Certain safety projects may have a 100% Federal share (23 U.S.C. § 120(c)(1)).
- Projects on Interstates may generally have a 90% Federal share (23 U.S.C. § 120(a)(1)).
- Projects in States containing Federal and nontaxable Indian lands may have a Federal share greater than 80% (known as a sliding scale Federal share) (23 U.S.C. § 120(b)).
- Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) and Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funds may be used as non-Federal match for any project that provides access to or within Federal or Tribal land (23 U.S.C. § 120(k)).
- More info on match: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/fedshare_fact_sheet.cfm

COST SHARE



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NOFO Section E.2



Applications that are complete and eligible will be evaluated further.



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NOFO Section E.2.b.i



Does the application either *Align* or *Strongly Align* with the 2 primary merit criteria?

- Improve safety by reducing WVCs
- Improve habitat connectivity





Criterion # 1.1: Reduction of Wildlife Vehicle Collisions.

The FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project is likely to protect motorists and wildlife by reducing the number of WVCs.

FHWA will consider the context and intensity of harm to motorists and wildlife, and the degree to which the project mitigates or removes those harms by reducing WVCs.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- Current and projected WVC problem
- Proposed solution, expected impact, and timeframe
- Transportation facilities in the area
- Affected species
- Long term maintenance needs



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Criterion #1.2: Improvement of Terrestrial and Aquatic Habitat Connectivity.

The FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project is likely to improve terrestrial and aquatic habitat connectivity.

FHWA will consider the context and degree of the impact of current habitat barriers, and the degree to which the project improves connectivity by removing or reducing those barriers and providing connectivity.

Application should include available and relevant information on:

- Habitat connectivity problem
- Affected species and the impact to them
- Surrounding land use
- Expected benefit of the project



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NOFO Section E.2.b.i



Applications will receive the following category rating:

- *Strongly Recommended* applications have (1) *Strong Alignment* with both Primary Merit Criteria; or (2) *Strong Alignment* with one Primary Merit Criteria and *Alignment* with the other Primary Merit Criteria.
- *Recommended* applications have *Alignment* with both Primary Merit Criteria.
- *Not Recommended* applications have *No Alignment* with one or both Primary Merit Criteria and will not be evaluated further.



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NOFO Section E.2.b.ii



Does the application either *Align* or *Strongly Align* with at least 3 of the 6 Secondary Merit Criteria?

- Leveraging Investments
- Economic Development and Visitation Opportunities
- Innovation
- Education and Outreach
- Monitoring and Research
- Survival of Species





Criterion #2.1: Leveraging Investments.

FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project is expected to leverage Federal investment by encouraging non-Federal contributions to the project, including projects from public-private partnerships.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- Extent of contributions
- Source and availability of contributions



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Non-Federal contributions include Federal funding that qualifies as a non-Federal match for this program



Criterion #2.2: Economic Development and Visitation Opportunities.

FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project is expected to support local economic development and improve visitation opportunities.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- How the project equitably supports or enables local economic development
- How the project improved visitation opportunities



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Criterion #2.3: Innovation.

FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project will incorporate innovative technologies, including advanced design techniques and other strategies to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in reducing WVCs and improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial or aquatic species.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- How new technologies and innovations will be utilized
- Impact of the new technologies and innovations in reducing WVCs
- Impact of the new technologies and innovations in improving habitat connectivity



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Criterion #2.4: Education and Outreach.

FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project will provide educational and outreach opportunities.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- How education and outreach will be equitably provided
- How the public will be engaged
- How the education and outreach relates to WVCs and habitat connectivity



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Criterion #2.5: Monitoring and Research.

FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project will include monitoring and research to allow FHWA or others to evaluate, compare effectiveness of, and identify best practices in selected projects.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- Identifying baseline conditions
- Monitoring methodology
- Data collection, evaluation, and sharing



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Criterion #2.6: Survival of Species.

FHWA will assess the extent to which the proposed project is expected to benefit birds, fish, reptiles, mammals, and amphibians that are federally Threatened or Endangered Species and species that are Proposed or Candidates for listing.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- Affected federally Threatened or Endangered Species, or species that are Proposed or Candidate for listing.
- How the project will benefit those species.



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NOFO Section E.2.b.ii



Applications will receive the following category rating:

- *Strongly Recommended* applications have (1) *Strong Alignment* with two or more of the six Secondary Merit Criteria; and (2) *Alignment* with all the remaining Secondary Merit Criteria.
- *Recommended* applications are applications that are not evaluated as *Strongly Recommended* and which have *Alignment* or *Strong Alignment* with at least three of the six Secondary Merit Criteria.
- *Not Recommended* applications have *No Alignment* with four or more of the six Secondary Merit Criteria and will not be evaluated further.



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NOFO Section E.2.c



Does the application have a *Medium* or *High* project readiness rating?

- Technical Assessment
- Environmental Review and Permitting Risk
- Financial Completeness





Technical Assessment.

The Technical Assessment will assess the applicant's capacity to successfully deliver the project in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local requirements based on factors including, but not limited to, the recipient's experience working with Federal agencies, civil rights compliance, previous experience with FHWA discretionary grant awards, the technical experience and resources dedicated to the project, and the ability for applicants to maintain the project in accordance with Federal law.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- Ability to execute a grant agreement, manage the funding, fulfill requirements, and deliver the project
- Support from State DOT to administer the project if the State DOT will be administering the grant.



Environmental Review and Permitting Risk.

The FHWA will assess the project's environmental approvals and likelihood of the necessary approvals affecting project obligation and completion.

Applications should include available and relevant information on:

- Environmental review process and timeline
- Status of NEPA and other necessary reviews or approvals
- Potential obstacles and proposed responses



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Financial Completeness.

FHWA will review the availability of matching funds and whether the application presents a complete funding package.

When providing information on the project budget (Section D.2.c.ii), applications should include available and relevant information on:

- Project budget in detail
- Matching and leveraged funding
- Cost estimates and contingencies
- Plans to address potential overruns
- Plans to fund maintenance and operations



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WCPP Project Readiness



Applications are ranked in each component of project readiness

Component Rating	1	2	3
Technical Assessment	Uncertain	Somewhat Certain	Certain
Environmental Review and Permitting Risk	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk
Financial Completeness	Incomplete	Partially Complete	Complete



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NOFO Section E.1.c



Applications will receive the following category rating:

- *High* applications have (1) All 3s; or (2) two 3s and one 2.
- *Medium* applications have (1) One 3 and two 2s; or (2) all 2s.
- *Low* applications have any 1s and will not be evaluated further.



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Does the application have an overall rating of *Recommended* or *Highly Recommended*?

- Complete and Eligible
- Primary Merit Criteria Category Rating
- Secondary Merit Criteria Category Rating
- Project Readiness Evaluation Category Rating





Highly Recommended

- *Strongly Recommended* in Primary Merit Criteria; **AND**
- Either *Strongly Recommended* or *Recommended* in Secondary Merit Criteria; **AND**
- Either *High* or *Medium* in Project Readiness.

Recommended

- *Recommended* in Primary Merit Criteria; **AND**
- Either *Strongly Recommended* or *Recommended* in Secondary Merit Criteria; **AND**
- Either *High* or *Medium* in Project Readiness.

Not Recommended

- *Not Recommended* in Primary Merit Criteria; **OR**
- *Not Recommended* in Secondary Merit Criteria; **OR**
- *Low* in Project Readiness.

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Applications that receive an overall rating of *Highly Recommended* or *Recommended* will be sent to the Senior Level Review Team

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Senior Review Team makes recommendations to the FHWA Administrator

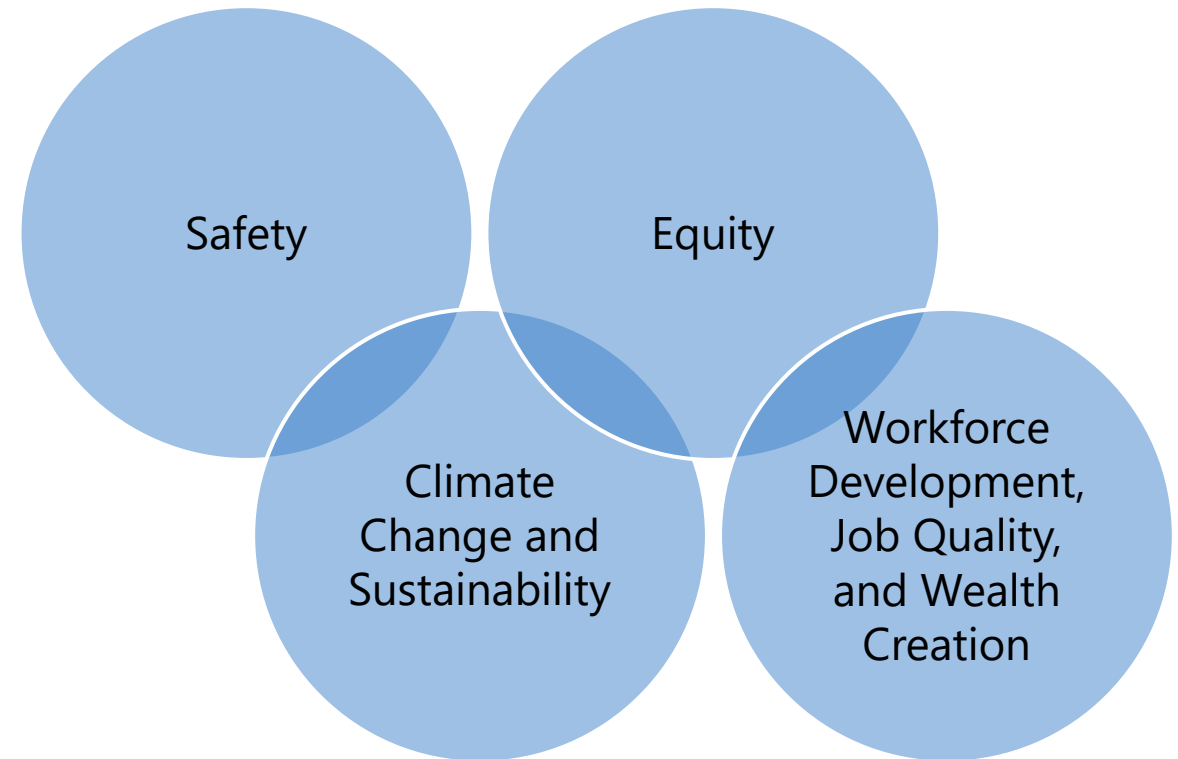




The Senior Review Team will advance *Highly Recommended* applications, and may also advance *Recommended* applications after considering alignment with:

- Selection Considerations;
- Primary and Secondary Merit criterion rankings;
- Project Readiness assessment results;
- Geographic Diversity; and
- Ensuring the effective use of Federal funds
- Compliance with the requirement that 60% of the funds be awarded to projects in rural areas.

Selection Considerations:



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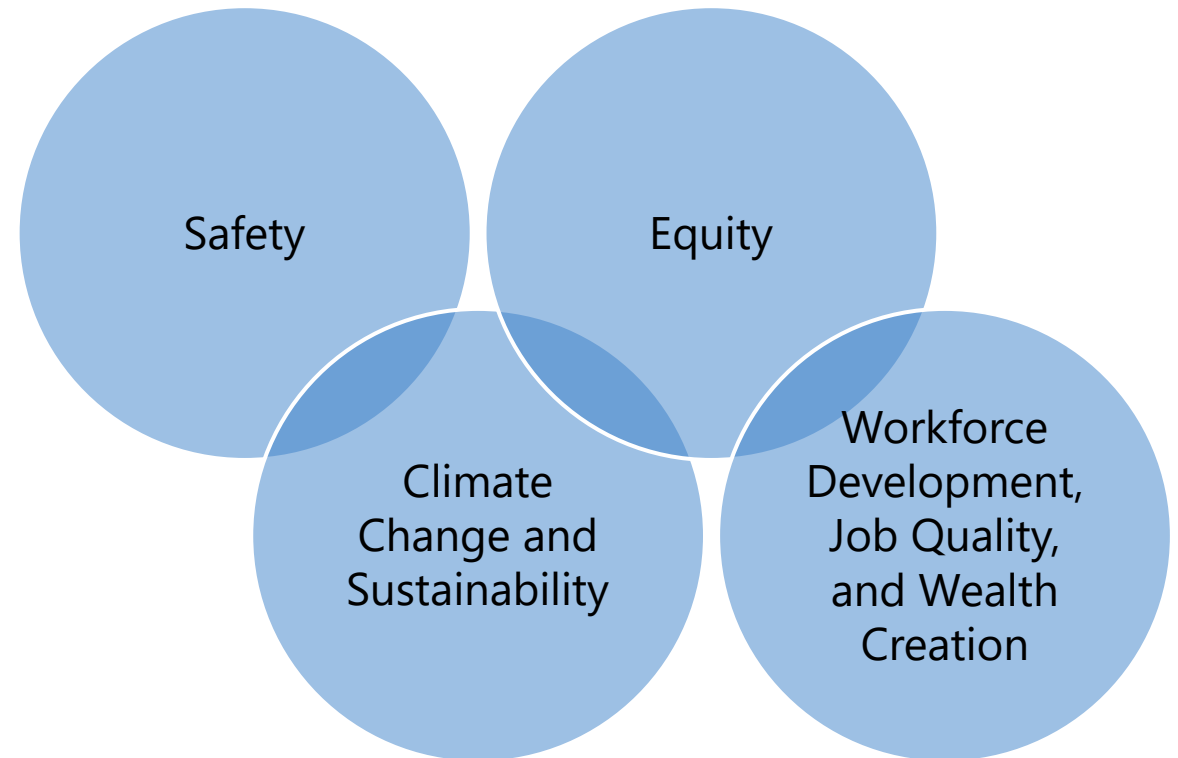
Makes final selections and awards WCPP grants



The FHWA Administrator has the discretion to determine which applications best address:

- The goals of the WCPP;
- The Selection Considerations;
- Geographic Diversity; and
- Ensuring the effective use of Federal funding.

Selection Considerations:



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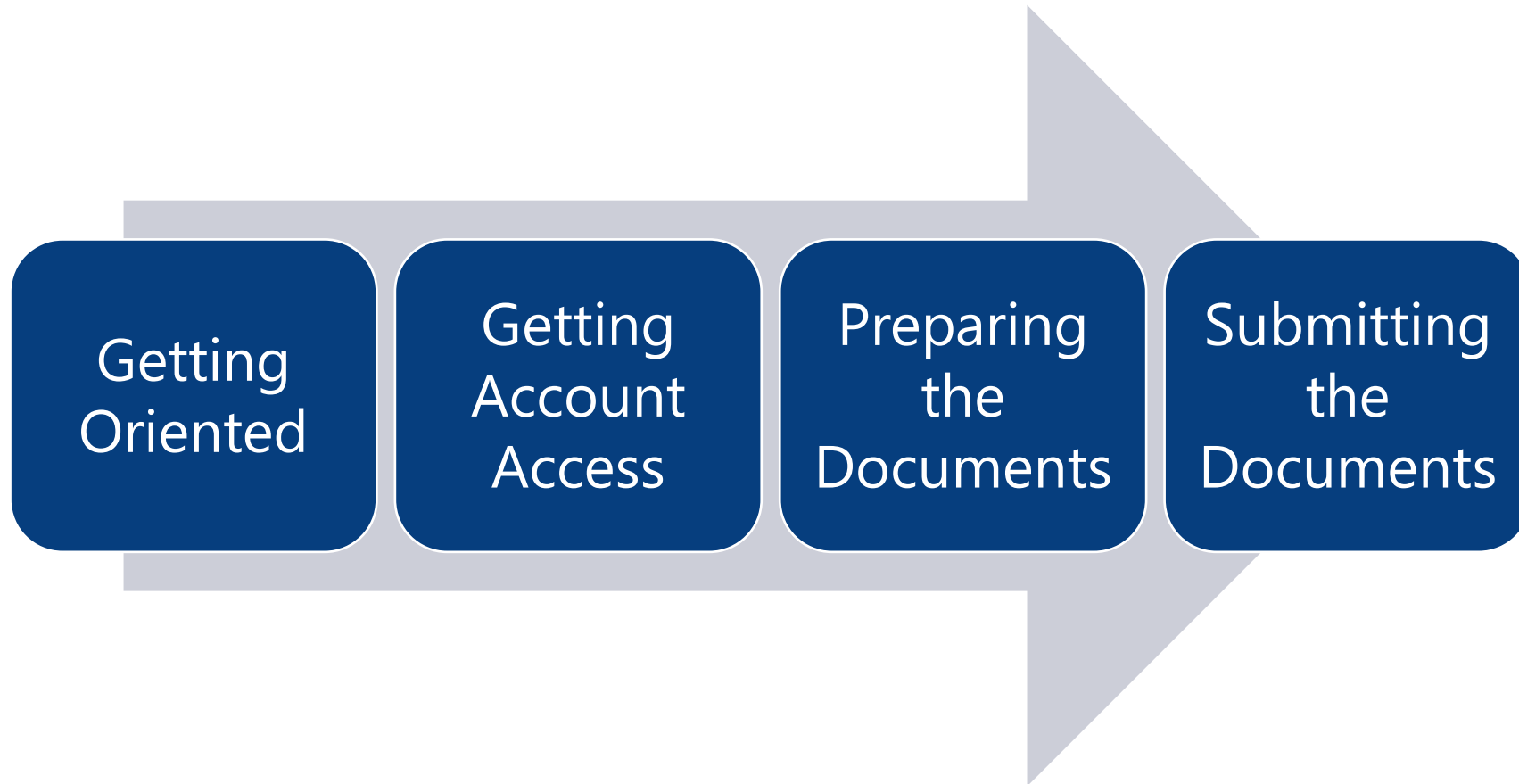
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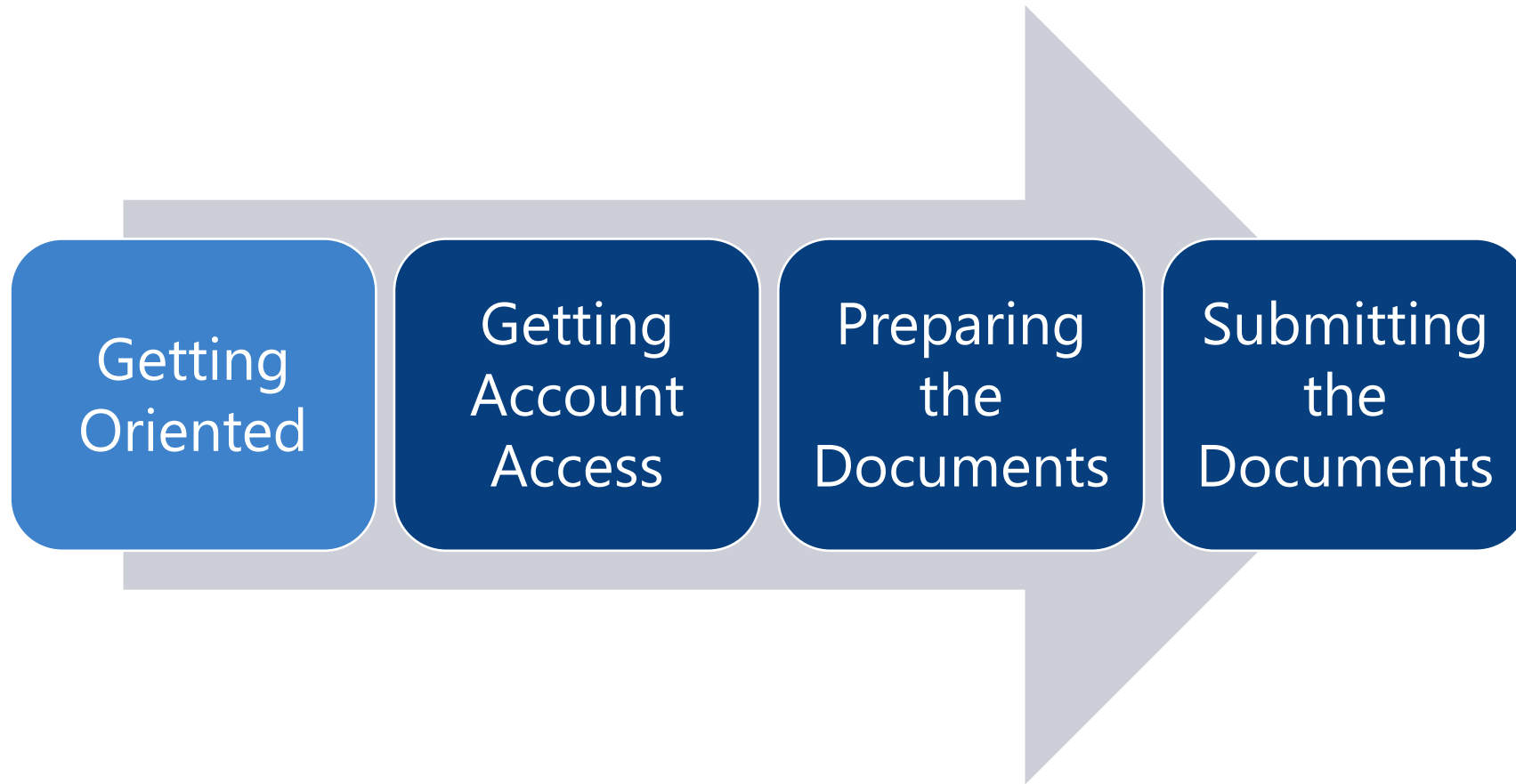
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NOFO Section D.3-4



All applications must be submitted through **Grants.gov**.

There are several resources on grants.gov:

- User Guide
- Applicant Resources
- Support Center
- **Ask Grant** chatbot

Click Here for the Ask Grant chatbot

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Search for Grants

The screenshot shows the Grants.gov homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a large image of a smiling woman. A callout box on the right side of the image contains the text "Click Here to search" and two green arrows pointing to the "Search Grants" link in the navigation bar and the search icon in the footer.

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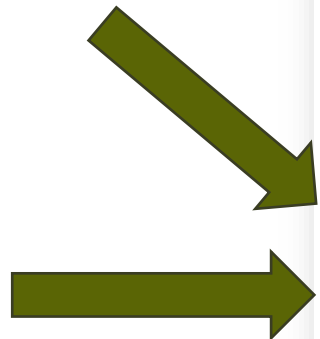
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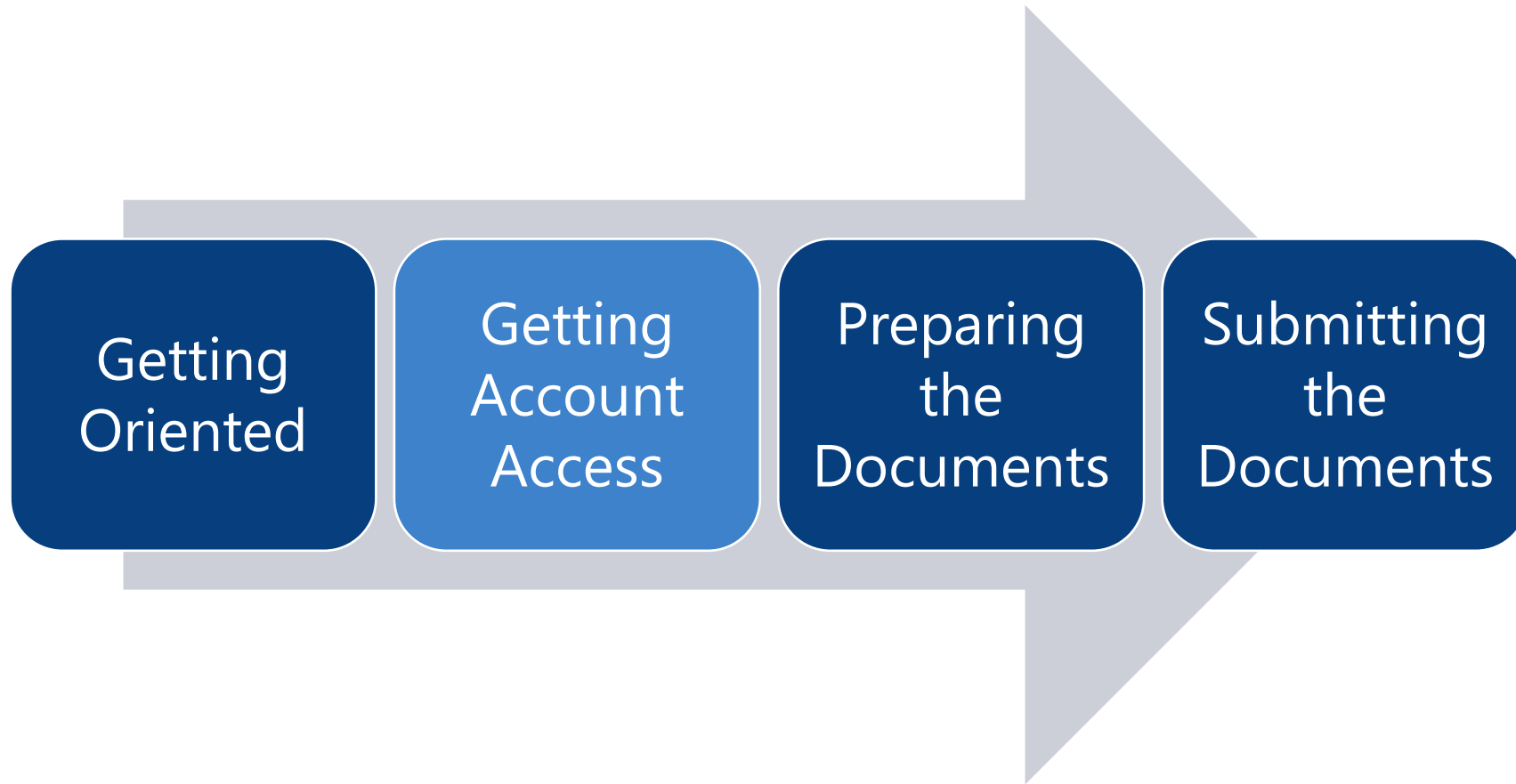
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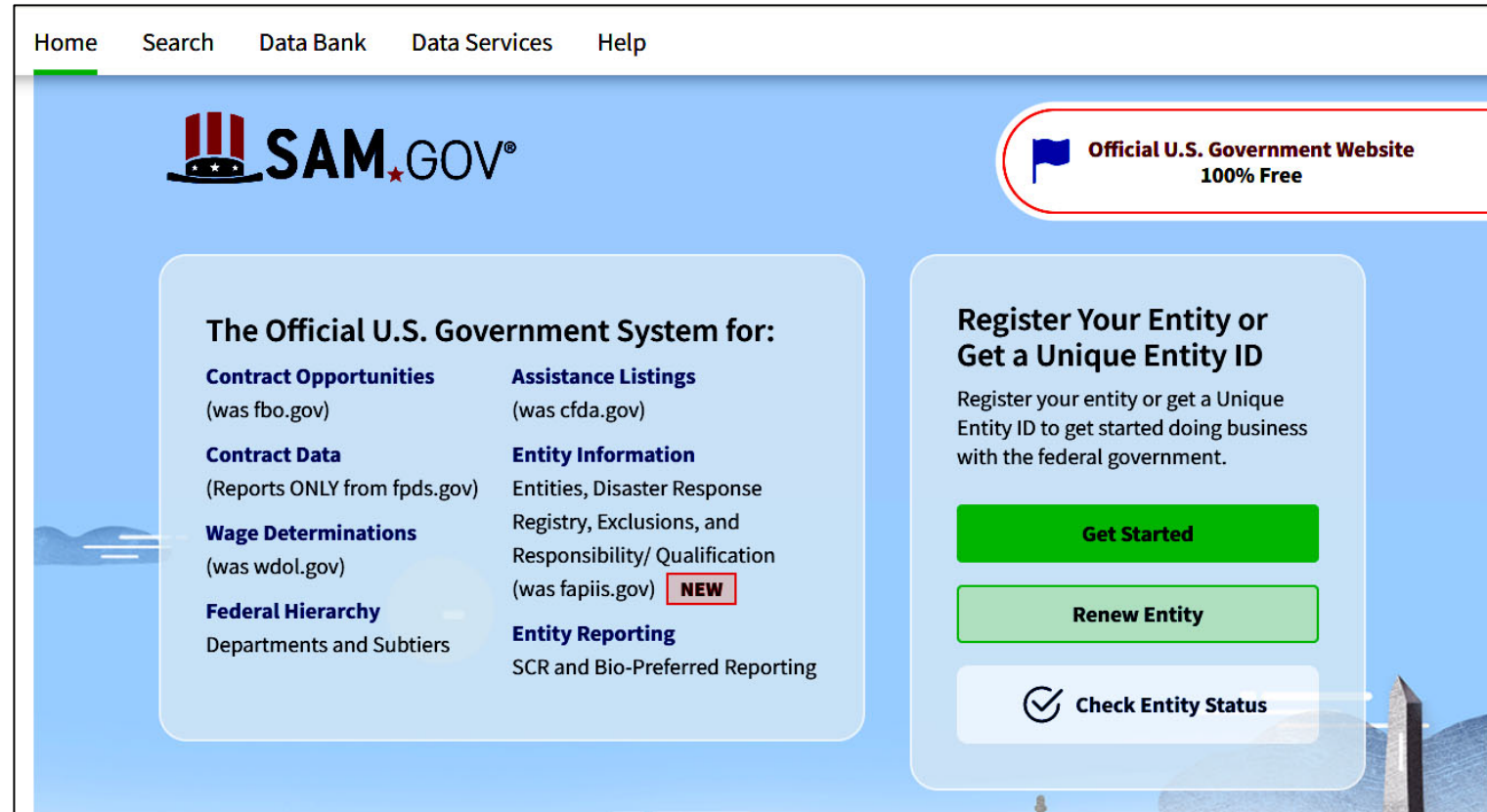
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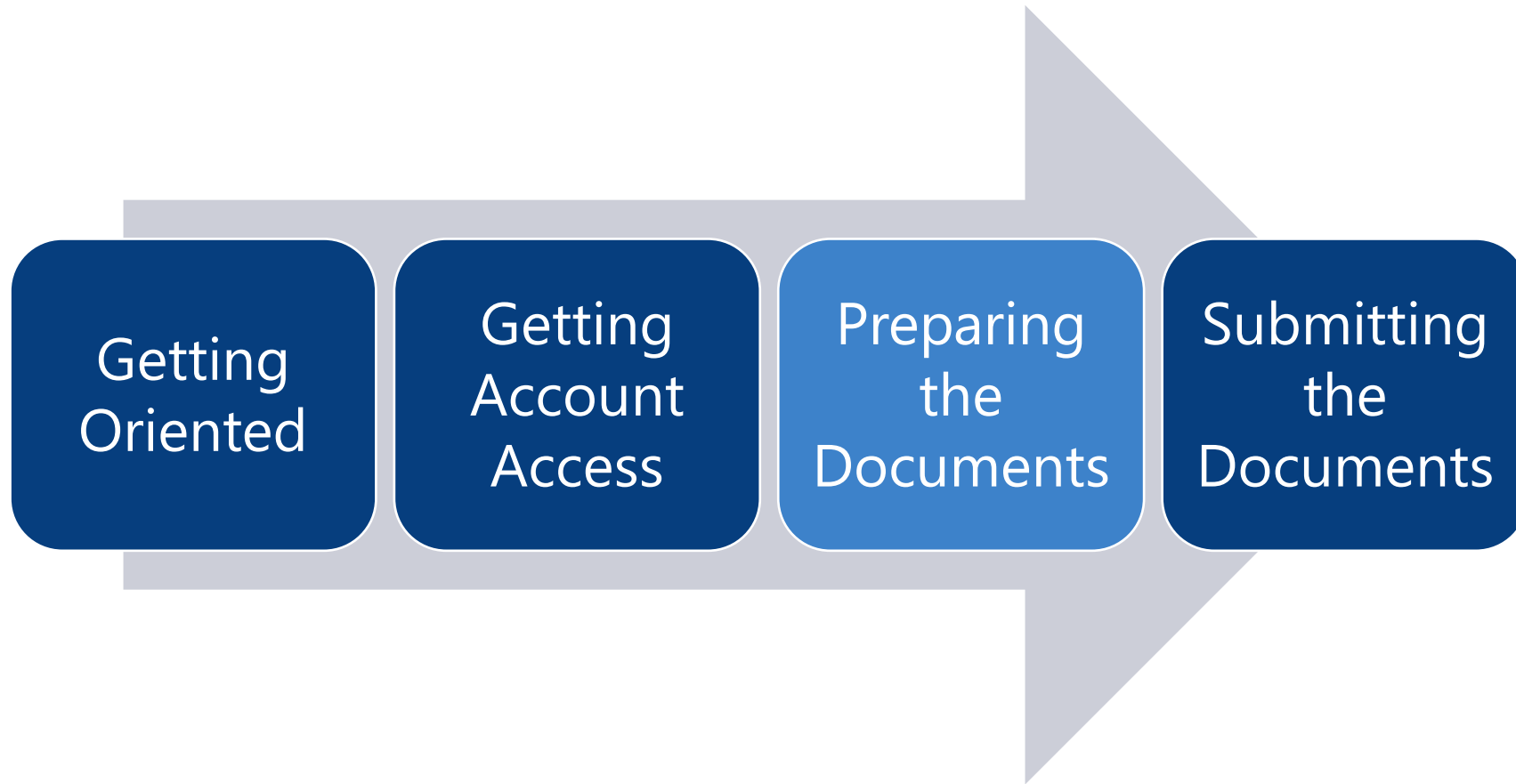
Must be registered in SAM.gov
Must have an UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) (replaces DUNS Number)

These processes can take several weeks to complete, so should be started well before the application deadline.



Grants.gov registration information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration.html>

Direct Link to SAM: <https://sam.gov/content/home> or <https://sam.gov>





Applications **must** include the following (submitted as individual PDFs):

For Non-Construction Projects:

- Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form (Certification Regarding Lobbying)
- Standard Form LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities)
- Standard Form 424A (Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs)**
- Project Abstract
- Project Narrative

In addition, the **Key Contacts form** is optional for all applications.

Applicants may also submit any letters of support or endorsement for consideration by FHWA.

For Construction Projects:

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- Standard Form LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities)
- Standard Form 424C (Budget Information for Construction Programs)**
- Project Abstract
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Standard Forms are available for download at:
<https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-mandatory-family>

All files should be .pdf or .docx format.





The **Project Abstract** should:

- Be one page with standard formatting
- Summarize the project type, scope of work, and anticipated goals and outcomes
- Describe how the project supports program and policy goals



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The **Project Narrative** should:

- Be no more than 25 pages with standard formatting. Appendices do not count towards the 25-page limit.
- Include information necessary for FHWA to determine that the project satisfies program requirements, primary and secondary merit criteria, and project readiness.
- Provide supporting data and documentation in a form that is directly verifiable by DOT (to the extent practicable).

FHWA recommends that the **Project Narrative** follow the outline below:

- Basic Project Information – Description, Location, and Parties
- Budget Narrative - Grant Funds, Sources and Uses of all Project Funding
- Project Merit Criteria
- Project Readiness
- Selection Considerations

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NOFO Attachment A



FHWA recommends that applicants use the **Application Checklist** to develop their project narrative.

A tool to assist applicants provide the required information laid out in the NOFO:

- Basic Project Information
- Project Costs
- Project Merit Criteria
- Project Readiness
- Selection Considerations

NOT required for submission

Only providing information in the checklist DOES NOT guarantee application completeness

Found under *Related Documents* with NOFO at grants.gov

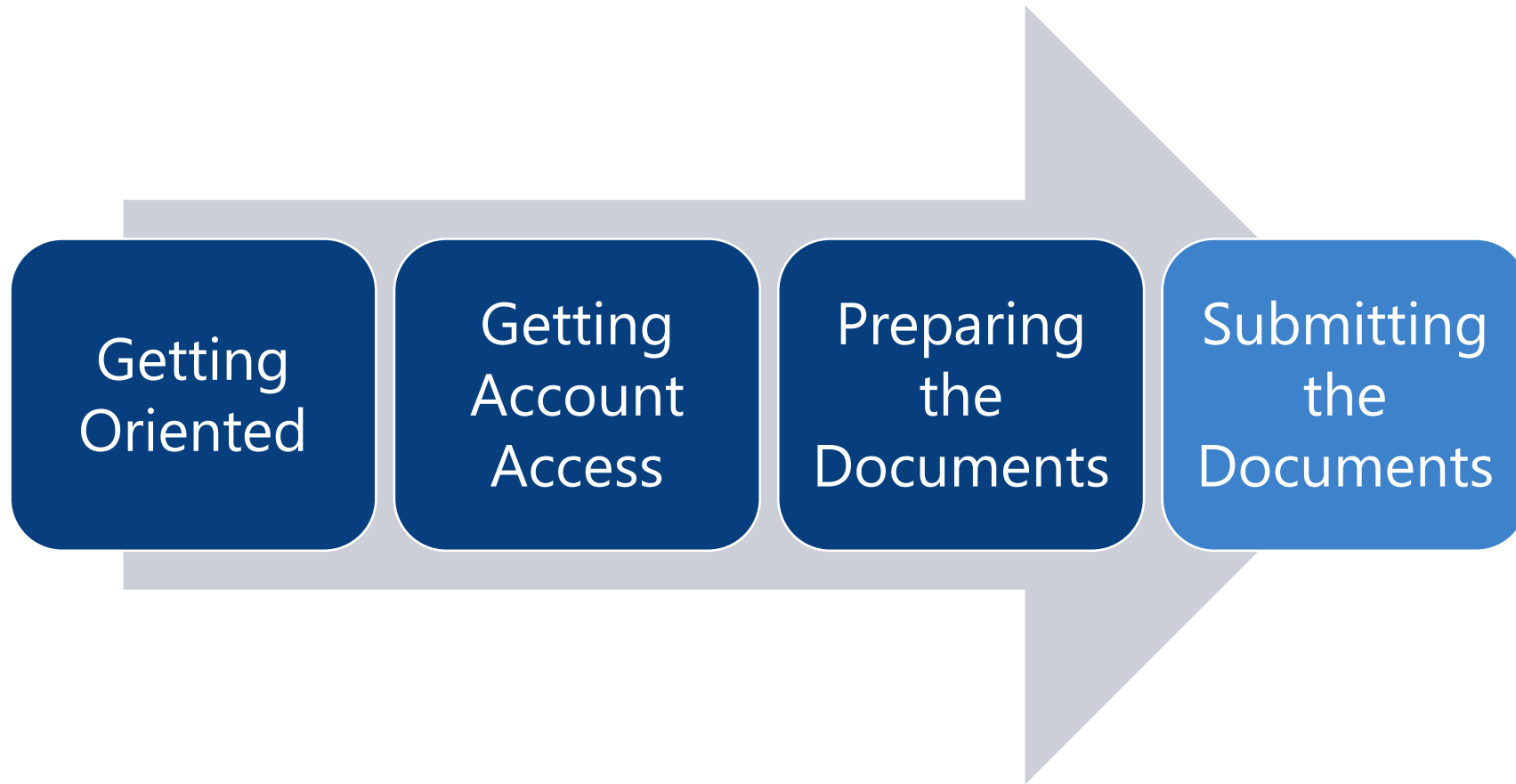
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ATTACHMENT A: WILDLIFE CROSSINGS PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides this Application Checklist for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2026 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) to assist project sponsors who intend to apply for a WCPP grant. This checklist is a tool that can assist applicants to ensure their application is complete. The items in this checklist are not exhaustive. Interested applicants should read the FY 2024-2026 WCPP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in its entirety and especially where noted in this application checklist to submit eligible and competitive applications. This checklist itself is not required to be submitted with the application and should not be attached to an application.

- Required Forms.** Applicants should determine if the project is a construction project or a non-construction project per Section B.4 of the NOFO. Based on that designation, applicants must submit the applicable list of Required Forms per Section D.2.a of the NOFO. The forms will include key information such as the project name, lead applicant name, and congressional district(s) where the project is located.
- Project Abstract.** Applicants should submit a separate one-page Abstract in docx or pdf format per Section D.2.b of the NOFO.
- Project Narrative.** Applicants should submit a Project Narrative in docx or pdf format per Section D.2.c of the NOFO. The Project Narrative should include the following sections addressing the subsequent items:
 - Basic Project Information - Description, Location, and Parties.** Provide a narrative for the below items on basic details pertinent to the project, including project name, description,





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General Information

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Synopsis 2
Funding Opportunity Number:	693JJ324NF00023	Posted Date:	Jun 06, 2024
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2024-2026 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program	Last Updated Date:	Jun 06, 2024
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Sep 04, 2024 FY 2024 and FY 2025 Application Opens June 6, 2024; closes September 4, 2024, 11:59 p.m. ET. FY 2026 Application Period Opens May 1, 2025; closes August 1, 2025, 11:59 p.m. ET.
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Sep 04, 2024 FY 2024 and FY 2025 Application Opens June 6, 2024; closes September 4, 2024, 11:59 p.m. ET. FY 2026 Application Period Opens May 1, 2025; closes August 1, 2025, 11:59 p.m. ET.
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant	Archive Date:	
Category of Funding Activity:	Transportation	Estimated Total Program Funding:	
Category Explanation:			
Expected Number of Awards:	40		
CFDA Number(s):	20.205 -- Highway Planning and Construction		
Cost Sharing or Matching:	Yes		

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Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact: Freida Byrd
Information: Contract Specialist
Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

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Mandatory Forms must be submitted with all applications:

- **Standard Form 424** (Application for Federal Assistance)
- **Standard Form LLL** (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities)
- **Grants.gov Lobbying Form** (Certification Regarding Lobbying)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

Preapplication
 Application
 Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:** * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

New
 Continuation
 Other (Specify):

*** 3. Date Received:**
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:
[Redacted]

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State: [Redacted]

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: [Redacted]

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification: [Redacted]

d. Address: [Redacted]

OMB Number: 4040-0013
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352

1. * Type of Federal Action:

a. contract
 b. grant
 c. cooperative agreement
 d. loan
 e. loan guarantee
 f. loan insurance

2. * Status of Federal Action:

a. bid/offer/application
 b. initial award
 c. post-award

3. * Report Type:

a. initial filing
 b. material change

4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:

Prime SubAwardee

* Name: [Redacted]
* Street: [Redacted]
* City: [Redacted]
Congressional District, if known: [Redacted]

5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an

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Under **Optional Forms**, the applicable Budget Information Form must be submitted with each application.

Non-Construction Project Applications must include:

- **Standard Form 424A**
(Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs)

Construction Project Applications must include:

- **Standard Form 424C**
(Budget Information for Construction Programs)

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

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SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

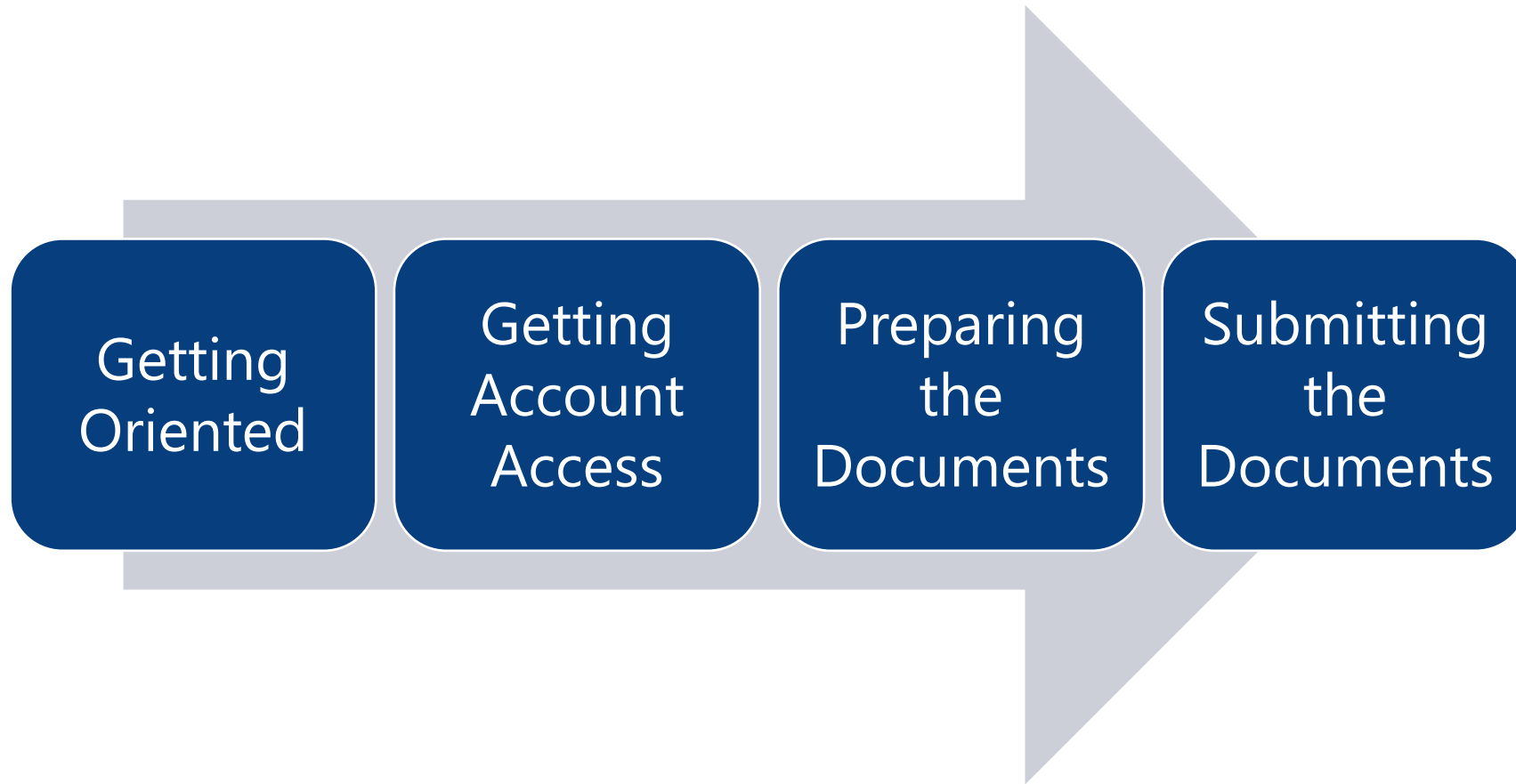
	Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
			Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal	Non-Federal	Total
1.			\$	\$			
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.	Totals		\$	\$			

OMB Number: 4040-0008
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

BUDGET INFORMATION - Construction Programs

NOTE: Certain Federal assistance programs require additional computations to arrive at the Federal share of project costs eligible for participation. If such is the case, you will be notified.

COST CLASSIFICATION	a. Total Cost	b. Costs Not Allowable for Participation	c. Total Allowable Costs (Columns a-b)
1. Administrative and legal expenses	\$	\$	\$
2. Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.	\$	\$	\$
3. Relocation expenses and payments	\$	\$	\$
4. Architectural and engineering fees	\$	\$	\$
5. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$	\$	\$
6. Project inspection fees	\$	\$	\$
7. Site work	\$	\$	\$
8. Demolition and removal	\$	\$	\$
9. Construction	\$	\$	\$
10. Equipment	\$	\$	\$
11. Miscellaneous	\$	\$	\$
12. SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1-11)	\$	\$	\$
13. Contingencies	\$	\$	\$
14. SUBTOTAL	\$	\$	\$
15. Project (program) income	\$	\$	\$
16. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	\$	\$	\$
FEDERAL FUNDING			
17. Federal assistance requested, calculate as follows: (Consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share.) Enter the resulting Federal share.	Enter eligible costs from line 16c Multiply X <input type="text"/> %		\$



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Wildlife Crossings Program Webpage

- Links to NOFO, Questions and Answers, guidance, resources, etc.
- Information will be updated as it becomes available
- Sign up to receive email updates
- Email the program contact

Wildlife Crossings Program



Program Overview

In creating the Wildlife Crossing Program, Congress found that there are more than 1,000,000 wildlife vehicle collisions (WVCs) annually which present a danger to human safety and wildlife survival, cost over \$8 billion, and result in approximately tens of thousands of serious injuries and hundreds of fatalities on U.S. roadways.

The Wildlife Crossings Program was established in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-58, November 15, 2021), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and codified at 23 U.S.C. § 171. BIL includes several provisions to reduce WVCs and improve habitat connectivity.

Funding Opportunities

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is providing Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP) discretionary grants to reduce wildlife vehicle collisions (WVCs) while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.

More information about funding opportunities can be found here: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/wildlife-crossings/pilot-program>

Direct Link to Program Webpage: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/wildlife-crossings>



Related to safety and conservation Federal funding

[USDOT's DOT Navigator;](#)

[FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Competitive Grant Programs;](#)

[FHWA's Bridge Investment Program;](#)

[FHWA's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Program;](#)

[FHWA's Tribal Transportation Program;](#) [FHWA's Federal](#)

[Lands Transportation Program;](#)

[FHWA's National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration \(Culvert AOP\) Grants;](#)

[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's fish passage initiatives;](#) and

[US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Fish Passage Program.](#)



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FHWA Program Resources

- [Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: Report to Congress \(2008\)](#)
- [Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: Best Practices Manual \(2008\)](#)
- [Wildlife Crossing Structure Handbook \(2011\)](#)
- [Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction and Habitat Connectivity Pooled Fund Study \(2022\)](#)
- [Environmental Review Toolkit](#)
- [Proven Safety Countermeasures](#)
- [Tribal Technical Assistance Program \(TTAP\)](#)

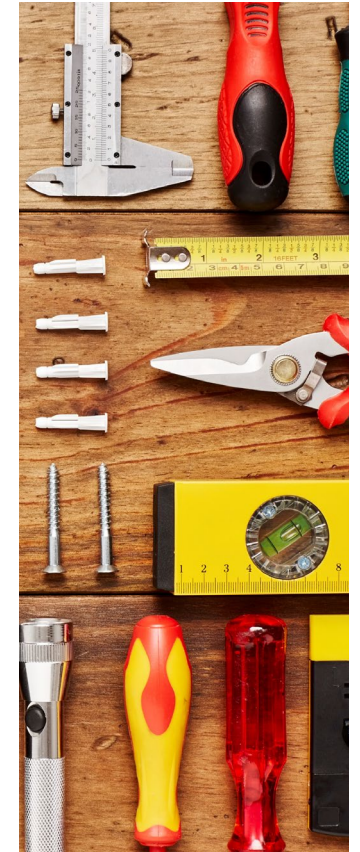


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Prior to submission of their application, applicants may obtain guidance from:

- An agency in the State with jurisdiction over fish and wildlife to ensure accurate, current, and reliable data and understand the State agency's priorities with respect to habitat connectivity;
- A Federal Agency with jurisdiction for the protection of species and habitat;
- The State DOT or other State agency responsible for maintaining trend analysis and statistics on WVCs;
- The State DOT responsible for updating the State Freight Plan that includes strategies and goals to decrease the impacts of freight movement on wildlife habitat loss;
- Institutions of higher education regarding landscape ecology, and current data;
- Experts in landscape ecology and habitat connectivity;



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Questions?

Website Link: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/wildlife-crossings>

NOFO Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354738>

Email: wildlifecrossings@dot.gov

