

# UPCOMING NOFO: NATIONAL CULVERT REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, AND RESTORATION GRANTS

## Program Summary

The National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Program) is an annual competitive grant program that awards grants to eligible entities 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.

## Eligibility

### Eligible Applicants

(1) A State; (2) a unit of local government; or (3) a Tribe.

### Eligible Projects

The Culvert AOP Program focuses on two project categories as differentiated by structure type:

1. Projects to replace, remove, or repair culverts that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish.
2. Projects to replace, remove, or repair weirs that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. With respect to weirs, the project may include: 1) infrastructure to facilitate fish passage around or over the weir; and 2) weir improvements.

## Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- **Review NOFO once it is published. It will contain the latest information.**
- 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 funding is 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.

## 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.

**Total Funding Available:**  
\$ 1 Billion

## Important Dates

**NOFO Opening Date:**  
Spring 2024

## 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](#)
- [Factsheet](#)



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