FY 2022 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert AOP Program)

Attachment 1 - Application Template

The DOT provides this FY 2022 Culvert AOP Program Application Template to assist project sponsors who intend to apply for a Culvert AOP Program FY 2022 grant. Interested eligible applicants should read the FY 2022 Culvert AOP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in its entirety and especially where noted in this application template to submit eligible and competitive applications.

This is a copy of the official Application Template that is found on Grants.gov.

Basic Project Information

Basic Project Information – Provide a narrative for the below items on basic details pertinent to the project, including project name, description, location, involved parties, etc. Items in this section will be used to determine grant program eligibility as detailed in Section C of the NOFO.

1. Project Name	

Eligibility Criteria

2. Project Description	Provide a concise description of the project, including how the project will (1) meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish; and (2) involve the replacement, removal, or repair of culverts or weirs, or weir improvements. With respect to weirs, applicant may also describe how the project facilitates fish passage around or over the weir and weir improvements.
	Also, the project description should include the transportation nexus of the proposed project (e.g., involve, relate to, or be situated in close proximity to a road/rail crossing, pipeline, highway, or other transportation infrastructure).
	This section should discuss the project's history, including a description of any previously incurred costs. The applicant may use this section to place the project into a broader context of other infrastructure investments being pursued by the project sponsor.

3.	Which of the following selection priorities does your project meet?	*(Check all that apply)* ☐ Anadromous fish listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act. ☐ Anadromous fish identified by NMFS or USFWS that could reasonably become listed as a Federally endangered species or a threatened species. ☐ Anadromous fish identified by NMFS or USFWS as prey for endangered species, threatened species, or protected species. ☐ Anadromous fish identified by NMFS or USFWS as climate resilient stock. See Section H of the NOFO. ☐ Project that opens up more than 200 meters of upstream habitat for anadromous fish before the end of the natural habitat.
4.	Which anadromous species does your project propose to benefit by meaningfully improving or restoring fish passage?	*(Provide common name(s) and scientific name(s), if available)*
5.	Briefly describe how the proposed project benefits the anadromous species in item 4 above?	*(Provide description)*
6.	Culvert AOP Program Request amount:	Exact amount in year-of-expenditure dollars: $_____
7.	Total Project Cost:	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: $_____
8.	Who is the Project Sponsor?	*(Name and identify which eligible applicant category applies. Select from the below statutory eligible applicants)* ☐ State ☐ Unit of local government ☐ Indian Tribe
9.	If a State or a unit of local government, indicate the percentage, type, and source of non-Federal match.	

10. Eligible Facility Type:	(*Identify which eligible structure that the proposed project addresses. Select from the below statutory eligible applicants*) ☐ Culvert ☐ Weir

Additional Project Information

11. State(s) and/or tribal land in which the project is located:	
12. If a joint application, please provide organizational names of sub-recipients that will receive funds and other key partners.	
13. Identify the Lead Applicant (who will also be the applicant responsible for administration of Culvert AOP Program funds if application is selected and the point of contact for the application).	
14. What are the proposed design standards and specifications for ensuring resulting infrastructure provides for the safety of the traveling public over the service life of that infrastructure?	

Location Information

A. Location of eligible facility and project area:	*(Provide State and County, name of the city, town, or jurisdiction)*
B. Provide name and description of the waterway and watershed.	*(Provide waterway name and description)*
C. Provide Census FIPS codes or other geographic code identifiers for the facility location and project area.	*(Provide appropriate code(s))*
D. Provide geographic coordinates for the project.	*(Provide Latitude/Longitude; bundled projects should provide the coordinates of each eligible facility in the bundle)*
E. Is the project located (entirely or partially) in a Federally designated community development zone?	*(Please select one)* ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please describe in which of the four Federally designated community development zones your project is located. ☐ Opportunity Zones: (https://opportunityzones.hud.gov/) ☐ Empowerment Zones: (https://www.hud.gov/hudprograms/empowerment_zones) ☐ Promise Zones: (https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/field_policy_mgt/fieldpolicymgtpz) ☐ Choice Neighborhoods: (https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn)

F. Does the eligible project benefit an economically disadvantaged community or an area of persistent poverty? *(See Section H of the NOFO – Definitions)*	*(Please select one)* ☐ Yes ☐ No
G. Are the eligible facility and project area located on Federally recognized Tribal land?	*(Please select one)* ☐ Yes ☐ No
H. Is the project located in a rural area? *(See Section H of the NOFO – Definitions)*	*(Please select one)* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Project Costs

Project Costs – Provide information detailing the costs associated with the project. These costs will be used to determine the eligible award amount, how the project supports financial goals of the program, and other factors. More information on this section can be found in Section D.2.II of the NOFO.

1. Culvert AOP Program Request Amount:	Exact amount in year-of-expenditure dollars: $_____
2. Estimated Total of Other Federal funding (excluding Culvert AOP Program request):	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: $_____

3.	Estimated Other Federal funding (excluding Culvert AOP Program) further detail:	(*List each Federal Program and identify Formula or Discretionary, and the amount for each Federal Program, e.g.:* *Program:*_____ *Amount:*_____*, and repeat for each source*)
4.	Estimated non-Federal funding:	(*Identify each source of non-Federal funding and estimated amount, e.g.* *Source:*_____ *Amount:*_____*, and repeat for each source*)
5.	Future Eligible Project Cost (Sum of Culvert AOP Program request, Other Federal Funds, and non-Federal Funds, above):	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: $_____
6.	Previously incurred project costs (if applicable):	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: $_____
7.	Total Project Cost (Sum of 'previous incurred' and 'future eligible')	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: $_____
8.	If more than one culvert or weir, will project bundling be used to deliver the Project?	Yes or No. If yes, explain the intended benefits of project bundling.
9.	If proposed project utilizes bundling, Cost of Unbundled Projects	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: $

10. Amount of Future Eligible Costs by Project Type (if applicable):	Project type by structure (if bundling, include the unbundled cost in brackets [$___])[1] (Ex. Culvert Replacement: $1,000,000 [$1,500,000]) 1. Project Type_____ $_____ [$____] 2. Project Type_____ $_____ [$____]

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[1] Costs of unbundled project will be compared with bundled costs to determine potential amount of cost savings and as a factor in the ability to unbundle projects for an award

Project Selection Criteria

Project Selection Criteria – Provide a narrative response on how the project responds to the selection criteria in Section E.1.a of the NOFO. In responding to Project Selection Criteria, refer to statutory selection priorities included in Section E of the NOFO and address them in the appropriate Project Selection Criteria.

Criterion #1: Conservation Benefits to Anadromous Fish	This project contributes to the Conservation Benefits to Anadromous Fish criterion by…
Criterion #2: Regional and Watershed Context	This project contributes to the Regional and Watershed Context criterion by…
Criterion #3: Ecosystem Benefits	This project contributes to the Ecosystem Benefits criterion by…
Criterion #4: Project Design and Delivery Methods	This project contributes to the Project Design and Delivery Methods criterion by…
Criterion #5: Project Monitoring and Evaluation	This project contributes to the Project Monitoring and Evaluation criterion by…
Criterion #6: Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience	This project contributes to the Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience criterion by…
Criterion #7: Equity and Barriers of Opportunity	This project contributes to the Equity and Barriers of Opportunity criterion by…

Project Readiness Criteria

Project Readiness Criteria– Submit the requested information in Section E.1.b. for the DOT to conduct a review of the project readiness and environmental review and permitting risk criteria for the project and provide a summary. If the project includes multiple culverts or weirs, indicate the information for each structure included in the application and what impact would occur on the timeframes if the project were unbundled.

1. Environmental Review and Permitting Risk	The project addresses the Environmental Review and Permitting Risk criterion by ...
A. NEPA Status – Indicate if the determination will likely be the result of a Categorical Exclusion (CE), Environmental Assessment (EA), or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).	Planned or Actual Start of NEPA Date: _____ Planned or Actual Completion of NEPA Date: _____ Final NEPA Determination or current status of NEPA process:
B. Will all necessary environmental approvals and permits meet the project delivery timeline specified in the project schedule?	☐ Yes *(Please provide documentation)* ☐ No
C. Are there any prepared environmental studies or documents describing known project impacts and possible mitigation for those impacts?	☐ Yes *(Please provide documentation, preferably through a website link)* ☐ No

D. Is the project currently programmed in the
  • TIP
  • STIP
  • MPO Long Range Transportation Plan
  • State Long Range Transportation Plan
	☐ Yes
	
	 ☐ No
	
	 (Please specify in which plans the project is currently programmed, the year in which the project is currently programmed and provide the identifying number if applicable)

E. Have there been public engagement opportunities?	☐ Yes *(Provide details, including the degree to which public comments and commitments have been integrated into project development and design)* ☐ No
F. Will there be public engagement opportunities?	☐ Yes *(Please provide details)* ☐ No
2. Indicate detailed project schedule, including all major project milestones.	
3. Is right-of-way acquisition necessary?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable If Yes, Planned or Actual Start of Right-of-Way Acquisition Date: _____ Planned or Actual Completion of Right-of-Way Acquisition Date: _____

4.	Right-of-way acquisition considerations (*if applicable*):	If right-of-way must be acquired for the project: 1. Would right-of-way acquisition require relocation of any people or businesses? ☐ Yes ☐ No 2. If Yes, are people or businesses being relocated members of traditionally underserved and underrepresented populations (Environmental Justice communities)? If Yes, please describe.
5.	Design Status (*if applicable*):	Planned or Actual Start of Preliminary Design Date: _____ Planned or Actual Completion of Preliminary Design Date: _____ Planned or Actual Start of Final Design Date: _____ Planned or Actual Completion of Final Design Date: _____
6.	Anticipated Construction Start Date (*if applicable*):	Date: _____
7.	Anticipated Project Completion Date (*if applicable)*:	Date: _____
8.	Indicate potential project risks and strategies undertaken or that might be taken to mitigate those risks.	
9.	The summary on Project Readiness Criteria demonstrates…	

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