

**FY 2023 – FY 2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert AOP Program)**

**Copy of Attachment 1 – Application Template**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides this National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Program) **Application Template** to assist project sponsors who intend to apply for a Culvert AOP Program grant.

Interested eligible applicants should **read the FY 2023 – FY 2026 Culvert AOP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in its entirety, and especially where noted in this application template**, to submit eligible and competitive applications.

**Submission of this Application Template alone is not sufficient to constitute a complete application.** Applicants should review Section D of the NOFO to determine which documents must and should be submitted.

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**I. Basic Project Information**

**Description** - Provide a narrative for the below items on basic details pertinent to the overall application and any individual projects, including the application name, description of all projects, location(s), involved parties, etc. Items in this section will be used to determine grant program eligibility as detailed in Section C of the NOFO.

1	Application Name	
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**Eligibility Criteria**

2	Project Description: Provide a concise description of the project(s) based on the directions in provided in D.2.a.I	
3	Which anadromous species does your project propose to benefit by meaningfully improving or restoring fish passage?	<i>(Provide common name(s) and scientific name(s), if available)</i>
4	Briefly describe how the proposed project benefits the anadromous species in item 4 above?	<i>(Provide description)</i>
5	Culvert AOP Program Request amount	Exact Amount in year-of-expenditure dollars: \$ _____
6	Total Cost of all Proposed Projects	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: \$ _____

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7	Who is the Application Sponsor?	<p><i>(Name and identify which Eligible Applicant category applies. Select from the below statutory Eligible Applicants)</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Unit of local government <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Tribe
8	If Application Sponsor is a State or a unit of local government, indicate the percentage, type, and source of non-Federal match	
9	Eligible Facility Type.	<p><i>(Identify which eligible structure does the proposed project addresses. Select from the below statutory eligible applicants)</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Culvert <input type="checkbox"/> Weir

**Additional Project Information**

10	State(s) and/or Tribal land in which the project is located	
11	Identify the Lead Applicant (who will be also the applicant responsible for administration of Culvert AOP Program funds if application is selected and point of contact for the application.)	

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**12. Location Information**

A	Location of eligible facility and project area <i>(Provide State and County, name of the city, town, or jurisdiction)</i>	
B	Provide name and description of the waterway and watershed. <i>(Provide waterway name and description)</i>	
C	Provide geographic coordinates for the project <i>(Provide Latitude/Latitude; bundled projects should provide the coordinates of each eligible facility in the bundle)</i>	
D	Is any part of the proposed project area(s) located on a federally recognized Indian Tribe land?	<i>(Please select one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Other Public and Private Parties**

13	Please provide organizational names of sub-recipients that will receive funds and other key partners.	
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**II. Grant Funds, Sources and Uses of all Project Funding**

Project Costs – Provide information detailing the costs associated with the project. These costs will be used to determine 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	<i>(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)</i>
4	Estimated non- Federal funding	<i>(Identify each source of non-Federal funding and estimated amount, e.g. Source: _____ Amount: _____, and repeat for each source)</i>
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 ( <i>if applicable</i> )	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: \$ _____
7	Total Project Cost (Sum of ‘previous incurred’ and ‘future eligible’)	Estimate in year-of-expenditure dollars: \$ _____

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8	Include a detailed statement of work or attach separately	<input type="checkbox"/> This is attached separately. The file is named:
9	Include a detailed budget or attach separately	<p><i>Repeat or modify as needed.</i></p> <p>Expenditure:                      Cost:</p> <p>Expenditure:                      Cost:</p> <p>Expenditure:                      Cost:</p> <p>Expenditure:                      Cost:</p> <p>Expenditure:                      Cost:</p> <p>Expenditure:                      Cost:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A detailed budget is attached separately. The file is named:</p>
10	If more than one culvert or weir, will project bundling be used to deliver the project?	<p><i>(Please select one)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, explain the intended benefits of project bundling, and detail here or in a detailed budget attachment the cost (in year of expenditure dollars) for each project if bundled and if not bundled.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A detailed budget is attached separately. The file is named:</p>

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**III. Statutorily Required Project Selection Priorities**

Project Selection Priorities—Please check which of the project selection priorities listed below, and at Section E of the NOFO, apply to the project(s) in your application.

1	Which of the following selection priorities does your project meet?	<p><i>(Check all that apply)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anadromous fish listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anadromous fish identified by NMFS or USFWS that could reasonably become listed as a federally endangered species or a threatened species.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anadromous fish identified by NMFS or USFWS as prey for endangered species, threatened species, or protected species.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anadromous fish identified by NMFS or USFWS as climate resilient stock. See Section H.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project that opens up more than 200 meters of upstream habitat for anadromous fish before the end of the natural habitat.</p>
2	Briefly describe how your project meets the selection priorities checked above.	

#### **IV. Project Selection Criteria**

Project Selection Criteria – Provide 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**

1	This project contributes to the Conservation Benefits to Anadromous Fish criterion by...
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##### **Criterion #2: Regional and Watershed Context**

2	This project contributes to the Regional Watershed Context criterion by...
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##### **Criterion #3: Ecosystem Benefits**

3	This project contributes to the Ecosystem Benefits criterion by...
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##### **Criterion #4: Project Design, Monitoring and Evaluation**

4	This project contributes to the Project Design, Monitoring and Evaluation criterion by...
	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?

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**Criterion #5: Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience**

5	This project contributes to the Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience criterion by...
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**Criterion #6: Equity and Barriers of Opportunity**

6	This project contributes to the Equity and Barriers of Opportunity criterion by...
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### V. Project Readiness and Environmental Risk

Submit the requested information in Section D.2.b.v. This information will be used to evaluate the application on Project Readiness as described in E.1.b. for DOT to conduct a review of the project readiness and environmental review and permitting risk criteria for the project and provide a summary. If 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.

#### Technical Feasibility

1	Describe the technical feasibility of the project as described in Section D.2.b.v	
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#### Project Schedule

2	Include a detailed project schedule, adding additional milestone rows as needed, or attach separately	<p><i>Repeat or modify as needed.</i></p> <p>Date:            Project Milestone:</p> <p>Date:            Project Milestone:</p> <p>Date:            Project Milestone:</p> <p>Date:            Project Milestone:</p> <p>Date:            Project Milestone:</p> <p>....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This is attached separately. The file is named:</p>
3	Design Status <i>(If applicable)</i>	<p>Planned or Actual Start of Preliminary Design Date: _____</p> <p>Planned or Actual Completion of Preliminary Design Date: _____</p> <p>Planned or Actual Start of Final Design Date: _____</p> <p>Planned or Actual Completion of Final Design Date: _____</p>

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4	Anticipated Construction Start Date ( <i>If applicable</i> ):	Date: _____
5	Anticipated Project Completion Date ( <i>If applicable</i> ):	Date: _____

**Required Approvals**

6	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:
7	Will all necessary environmental approvals and permits meet the project delivery timeline specified in the project schedule?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ( <i>Please provide documentation</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> No
8	Are there any prepared environmental studies or documents describing known project impacts and possible mitigation for those impacts?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ( <i>Please provide documentation preferably through a Website link</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Assessment of Project Risks and Mitigation Strategies**

9	Indicate potential project risks and strategies undertaken or that might be taken to mitigate those risks.	
10	Is right-of-way acquisition necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  If Yes, Planned or Actual Start of Right-of-Way Acquisition Date: _____  Planned or Actual Completion of Right-of-Way Acquisition Date: _____
11	Right-of-way acquisition considerations ( <i>If applicable</i> )	If right-of-way must be acquired for the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would right-of-way acquisition require relocation of any people or businesses?</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If Yes, are people or businesses being relocated members of traditionally underserved and underrepresented populations (underserved communities)?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If Yes, please describe the required relocation of any people or businesses.</li> </ul>

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**Lead Applicant Evaluation**

12	Describe the Lead Applicant's experience with receipt and expenditure of DOT grant funds or other Federal funding sources as described in Section D.2.b.V.	
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