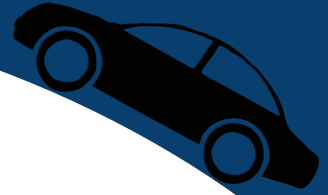




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Connecting fish
and wildlife habitat
while protecting roads
and public safety.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES for ROAD CROSSINGS

Replacing Road Crossings

Undersized, perched, and blocked road culverts obstruct the movements of fish and wildlife and also prevent stream processes that are critical to maintaining quality habitat for those species. Undersized culverts can also be less likely to pass heavy storm flows which can damage roads. *Replacing road crossings with structures that recreate natural stream conditions benefits fish and wildlife but also helps lower maintenance and safety liabilities shouldered by road owners in the long run.*

Stream-smart road crossings are designed to make the crossing “invisible” to the stream so natural water flows, sediment, large woody debris and passage of fish and wildlife are once again supported. These improved crossing structures may come with increased cost in the short term, however.

Funding and Technical Assistance

Fortunately, there may be options for reducing the costs of using Stream Smart design principles. Most funding is offered as a cost-share, with some requiring that up to 100% of the grant award be matched in value by other funding or services. They also often have specific geographic or natural resource priorities, so be sure to check with individual programs for guidance.

Examples of programs that can aid road owners in planning and installing stream-friendly crossings include:

- **NOAA Community-Based Habitat Restoration Programs**
www.fisheries.noaa.gov/funding-opportunities#funding-opportunities
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service**
(for private road owners)
nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial
- **US Fish and Wildlife Service**
easternbrooktrout.org/funding-opportunities
- **Trout Unlimited Embrace-A-Stream Program**
www.tu.org/conservation/watershed-restoration-home-rivers-initiative/embrace-a-stream
- **Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program**
(for streams associated with wetlands)
mnrp.org
- **Maine Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership**
cwrp.org
- **Maine Water Bond**
www.maine.gov/dep/land/water_bond_rfp.html

For additional info see StreamSmartMaine.org

Grant Programs for Road Crossing Replacement

	Eligible Applicants	Average or Max Award	Match ¹	Application Deadline	Program Focus
NOAA	<p>Coastal & Marine Habitat Restoration www.fisheries.noaa.gov/funding-opportunities#funding-opportunities Contact: Matt Bernier matthew.bernier@noaa.gov</p>	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	Varies	TBD	Recover T&E species Rebuild fish populations
NRCS	<p>Environmental Quality Incentives Program nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip</p>	\$450,000 over 6 yrs	25	Rolling	Agriculture or forestry landowners
USFWS	<p>Eastern Brook Trout Join Venture easternbrooktrout.org/funding-opportunities</p> <p>Fish Passage Program fws.gov/GOMCP/funding.html</p> <p>Gulf of Maine Coastal Program fws.gov/GOMCP/funding.html</p>	\$50,000 \$25,000 max \$5,000 to \$50,000 \$25,000 max	100 ²	TBD Rolling Rolling	Priority Subwatersheds Requires USFWS sponsorship Sea run fish
OTHER	<p>Casco Bay Estuary Partnership cascobayestuary.org/about-us/grant-opportunities</p> <p>Maine Coastal Program maine.gov/dmr/mcp/grants/index.html</p> <p>Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program mnrpc.org</p> <p>Bring Back the Natives nfwf.org/bbn/</p> <p>The Nature Conservancy nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/maine Contact: Ben Matthews Benjamin.matthews@tnc.org</p> <p>Maine Water Bond maine.gov/dep/land/water_bond_rfp.html</p>	Varies by year \$25,000 to \$100,000 \$5,000 to \$25,000 \$5,000 to \$95,000	Varies Varies 200 Varies	TBD June Spring Rolling	Tidal restrictions & high priority barriers Casco Bay Watershed Streams with assoc. wetlands Priority species, incl river herring Sea run fish, tidal restrictions, limited funding for brook trout
	<p>Maine Water Bond maine.gov/dep/land/water_bond_rfp.html</p>	\$5,000 to \$95,000	Varies	TBD	Improve public safety, fish habitat and flood protection

¹ The percentage of the award amount in non-federal match (e.g. cash, materials, or services) that must be applied to the project, unless otherwise noted. ² Match of any origin is acceptable.