

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NCDOT WILDLIFE CROSSINGS PILOT PROGRAM 2023 GRANT APPLICATION 64 SAFETY REQUEST FOR AGENCY SUPPORT

The Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) is a competitive grant program that awards grants to eligible entities for projects with the goal of reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVCs) while improving both motorist safety and habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.

In the spirit of continued longstanding interagency cooperation, the NCDOT requests your support for 64 SAFETY (see attached), a WCPP grant application. NCDOT has a successful history of incorporating and constructing wildlife crossings on transportation facilities in North Carolina. The Department also recently developed a joint Wildlife Stewardship Memorandum of Understanding with the NC Wildlife Resource Commission which is found here: <u>Policies</u>, <u>Guidance and Initiatives (ncdot.gov</u>), The NCDOT will adhere to all NEPA requirements and secure all necessary environmental approvals and permits for this project if funding is awarded. Your support does not compromise or eliminate NCDOT's adherence to statutory or regulatory requirements. Additional information on 64 SAFETY can be found here: <u>Grant Applications (ncdot.gov)</u>.

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