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NCDOT WILDLIFE CROSSINGS PILOT PROGRAM  
2023 GRANT APPLICATION I-40 SAFE PASSAGE  
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 I-40 SAFE PASSAGE (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: [Policies, Guidance and Initiatives \(ncdot.gov\)](#). 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 I-40 SAFE PASSAGE can be found here: [Grant Applications \(ncdot.gov\)](#).

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