

Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadside and Highway Rights-of-Way

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FY 22-26 PROGRAM AMOUNT

\$10 million



Maximum award
\$150 thousand



PURPOSE

Benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way, including the planting and seeding of native, locally appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including milkweed.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



To implement, improve, or further develop a Pollinator-Friendly Practices Plan. Such plan is one that includes:



Mowing practices that promote early successional vegetation and limit disturbance during periods of highest use by target pollinator species on roadsides and highway ROW.



Implementation of an integrated vegetation management plan that includes approaches such as mechanical tree and brush removal, targeted and judicious use of herbicides, and mowing, to address weed issues on roadsides and highway ROW.



Planting or seeding of native, locally appropriate grasses and wildflowers, including milkweed, on roadsides and highway ROW to enhance pollinator habitat, including larval host plants.



Removing nonnative grasses from planting and seeding mixes, except for use as nurse or cover crops.



Obtaining expert training or assistance on pollinator-friendly practices.