SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL
(SS4A) FACT SHEET

What is this program and its goal?
The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide $5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports the Department’s National Roadway Safety Strategy and a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation’s roadways.

Who is eligible to apply?
• Metropolitan planning organizations;
• Counties, cities, towns, and other special districts that are subdivisions of a State;
• Federally recognized Tribal governments; and
• Partnerships comprised of the entities above.

What kind of activities are eligible?
• Develop or update a “Comprehensive Safety Action Plan” or Action Plan (e.g., Vision Zero plans).
• Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.
• Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan. Illustrative examples of projects and strategies could include but are not limited to:
  o Implementing improvements along an expanded multimodal network of reconfigured roads with separated bicycle lanes and improved safety features for pedestrian crossings.
  o Applying low-cost safety treatments such as rumble strips, wider edge lines, flashing beacons, and better signage along high-crash rural corridors.
  o Conducting speed management projects such as implementing traffic calming road design changes and setting appropriate speed limits for all road users.
  o Installing safety enhancements such as safer pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, and additional lighting for people walking, rolling, or using mobility assistive devices.
  o Addressing alcohol-impaired driving along key corridors through education, outreach, and publicized sobriety checkpoints on weekends and holidays.
  o Making street design changes informed by culturally competent education and community outreach.
  o Creating safe routes to school and public transit services through multiple activities that lead to people safely walking, biking, and rolling in underserved communities.

When can I apply for funding?
A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is anticipated to be released in the spring of 2022, likely in May. Award announcements are expected to be made by the end of 2022 or early 2023.

What should I be preparing for in the meantime?
The development and establishment of an Action Plan is a key component of this program. If you are interested in applying for funds to develop a new Action Plan, start identifying who your partners will be, such as government stakeholders (e.g., in transportation, planning, health, law enforcement), private-sector entities, and community groups. Consider how to engage community members, specifically those historically underrepresented in transportation decision-making. Applicants seeking funding for projects and strategies identified in an established Action Plan could begin considering which specific activities and projects would address their most pressing roadway safety issues. For potential projects, consider the extent to which additional planning and design is needed, and assess the applicability of laws such as the National Environmental Protection Act or the National Historic Preservation Act.

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