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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)



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Welcome to How to Apply for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants: General Overview

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- www.transportation.gov/SS4A



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Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants

Key program that supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy



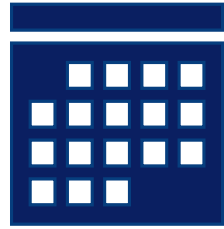
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Funding supports local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, commonly referred to as “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” Initiatives.

\$1 billion in annual funding, FY22-26



SS4A NOFO Is Now Open



Notice of Funding Opportunity is now
OPEN



Submit technical questions by August 15, 2022
Apply by September 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. EDT
(**no late applications will be accepted**)



Additional resources about SS4A and
the NOFO can be found at
<https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>



SS4A Webinars

1 **How to Apply for SS4A Grants: General Overview**

1. This webinar will offer a general overview of the SS4A program, the grant application process, and the available grant types.
2. Monday, June 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT)

2 **How to Apply for SS4A: Action Plan Grants**

1. This webinar will offer a general overview of the SS4A program and the grant application process and provide a particular focus on applying for Action Plan Grants.
2. Wednesday, June 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT)

3 **How to Apply for SS4A: Implementation Grants**

1. This webinar will offer a general overview of the SS4A program and the grant application process and provide a particular focus on applying for Implementation Grants.
2. Thursday, June 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT)



SS4A Program Audience

- The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- You're in the right place if...
 - ...you are interested in applying for a grant to:
 - Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan);
 - Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan; or
 - Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan
 -you are affiliated with an eligible applicant or interested in partnering with an eligible applicant





Roadway Safety Overview

Our Current Reality

Traffic fatalities are a public health crisis affecting all road users.

1.25M

Lives lost globally each year from traffic crashes

Source: World Resources Institute

42,915

Estimated lives lost on U.S. roads in 2021

Source: NHTSA

7,342

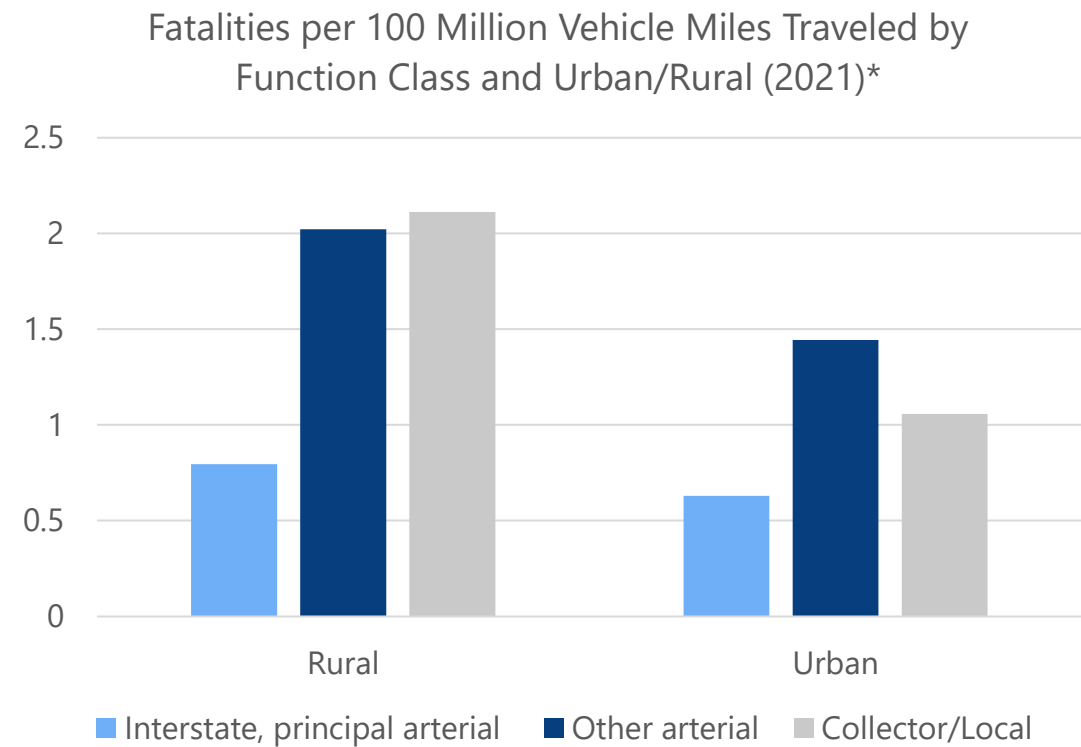
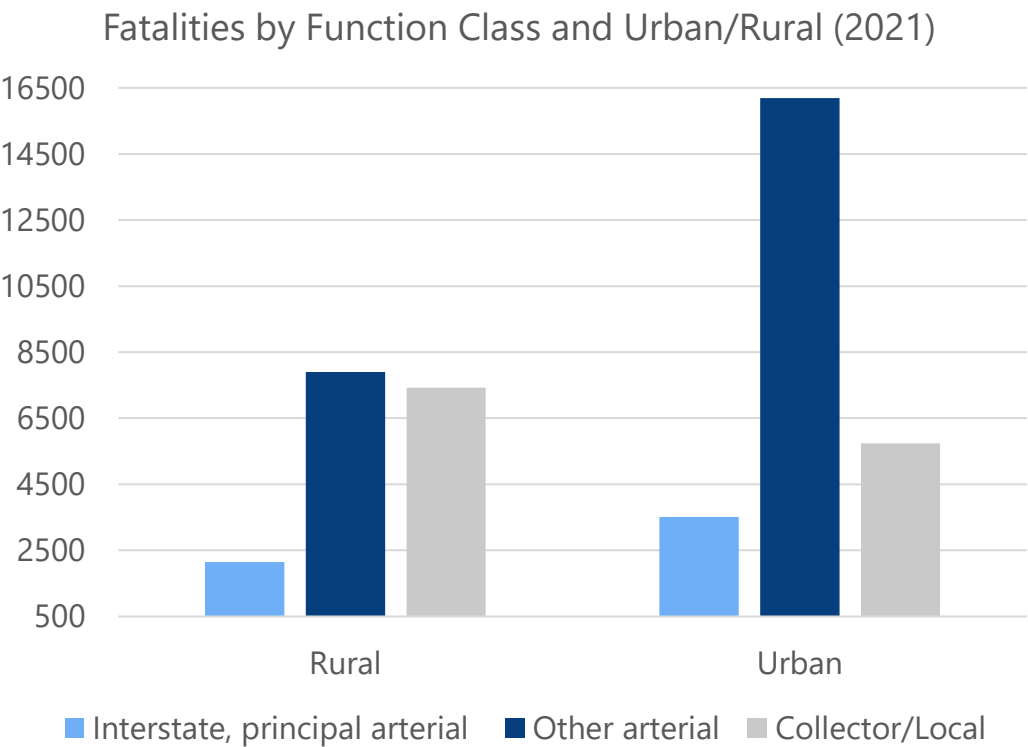
Estimated pedestrians killed in U.S. traffic crashes in 2021

Source: NHTSA



Local Roadway Fatalities

Fatalities are most common—overall and as a function of vehicle travel—on non-Interstate arterials, collectors, and local roads. This disparity is particularly significant on rural roads.



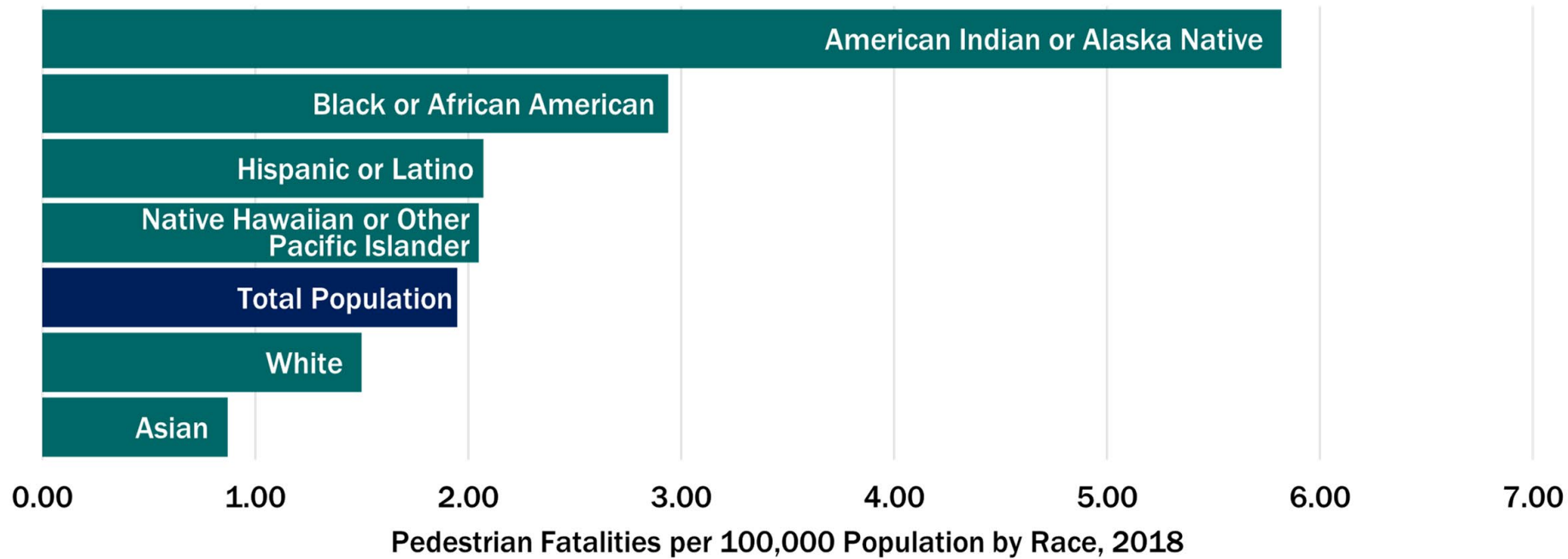
Sources: National Center for Statistics and Analysis. (2022, May). *Early estimates of motor vehicle traffic fatalities and fatality rate by sub-categories in 2021* (Crash•Stats Brief Statistical Summary. Report No. DOT HS 813 298). National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

* Averages based on monthly fatality rate data per 100 million VMT by roadway function class

Equity and Roadway Fatalities

Fatalities have **disparate impacts...**

Fatalities Among Pedestrians



Source: FARS 2018 Final File; Population – Census Bureau



National Roadway Safety Strategy

USDOT's comprehensive approach to significantly reducing serious injuries and deaths on our Nation's highways, roads, and streets.

- **Sets a vision and goal** for the safety of the Nation's roadways.
- **Adopts the Safe System Approach** principles to guide our safety actions.
- **Identifies new priority actions and notable changes to existing practices** and approaches that target our most significant and urgent problems and are, therefore, expected to have the most substantial impact.
- **Call to Action** We will be partnering with stakeholders to identify actions to get us closer to zero roadway fatalities.
- www.transportation.gov/NRSS



Basics of Roadway Safety

Effective roadway safety practices and strategies:

- Vision Zero
- Towards Zero Deaths
- Complete Streets
- Proven Safety Strategies
- Countermeasures That Work
- Innovative practices and technologies

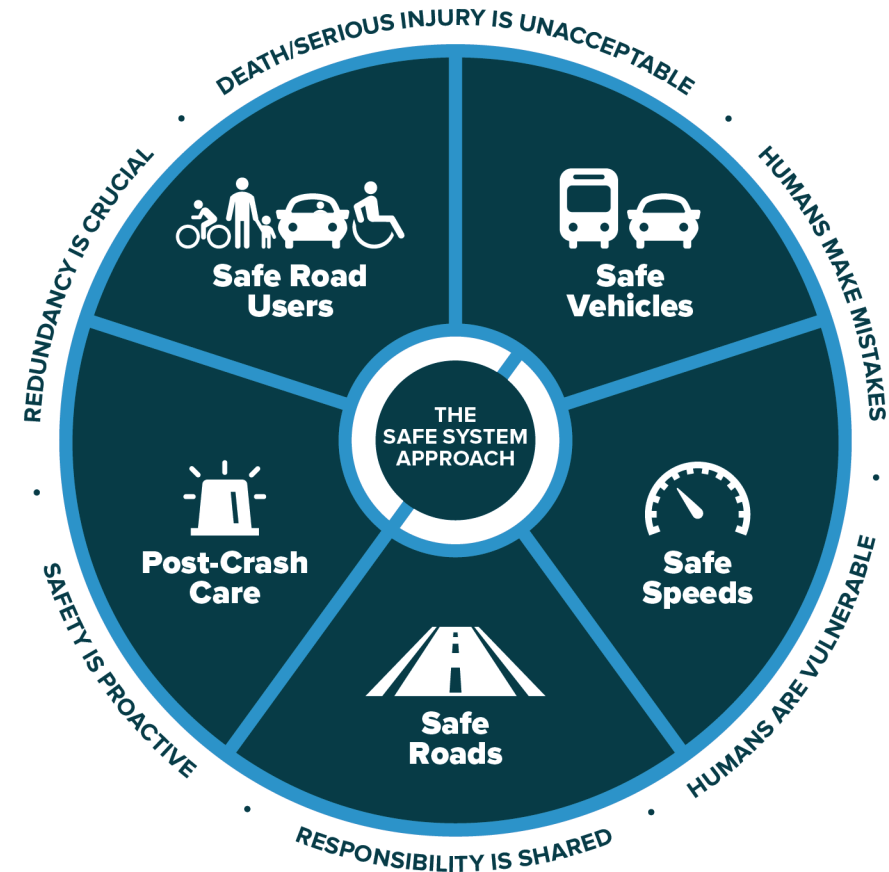


Saxman, Alaska, Senior Center bus stop. Source: FHWA



The Safe System Approach (SSA): Principles

- Death/serious injury is unacceptable.
- Humans make mistakes.
- Humans are vulnerable.
- Responsibility is shared.
- Safety is proactive.
- Redundancy is crucial.



Complete Streets

- Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. Those include people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are travelling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders.
- Visit <https://highways.dot.gov/complete-streets> for more information on Complete Streets.





About SS4A Grants

SS4A Overview: Eligible Recipients

- Metropolitan planning organization (MPOs)
- Political subdivision of a State
 - *A unit of government under the authority of State law, including cities, towns, counties, special districts, and similar units of local government.*
 - *A transit district, authority, or public benefit corporation if it was created under State law, including transit authorities operated by political subdivisions of a State.*
- Federally recognized Tribal government
- Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the entities above



SS4A Overview: Joint Applicants vs. Partners

- Joint applicants:
 - Are each independently eligible entities
 - Are each party to the grant
- Partners:
 - May include additional non-eligible entities (States, private companies, etc.)
 - Are not party to the grant
 - If an eligible applicant is a partner on an application (and not a joint applicant), being a partner on that application does not count as the one application for an eligible applicant



SS4A Overview: Funding

Grant Type	Political subdivision of a State	Federally recognized Tribal Government	MPO or joint application	Cost share/match
Expected Action Plan Grant Size*	\$200,000 - \$1M	\$200,000 – \$1M	\$200,000 - \$5M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80% Federal 20% local match• In-kind contributions allowed• Not more than 15% of funds can be awarded to projects in a single State in a given fiscal year• <i>Tribal applications are not counted toward the State cap</i>• <i>No set-aside for rural areas or other grantee categories</i>
Expected Implementation Grant Size*	\$5M - \$30M	\$3M - \$30M <i>(also applies to rural applicants)</i>	\$5M - \$50M <i>(\$3M - \$50M for rural applicants)</i>	

**Note these are expected sizes, and applicants may request more or less funding*



Grant Types

Action Plan

NOFO,
pg. 4

Develop or complete a comprehensive safety action plan

See NOFO, Table 1 on page 4

Conduct supplemental action planning activities (*in support of an existing comprehensive safety action plan*)

See NOFO, section 3b on page 12

Implementation

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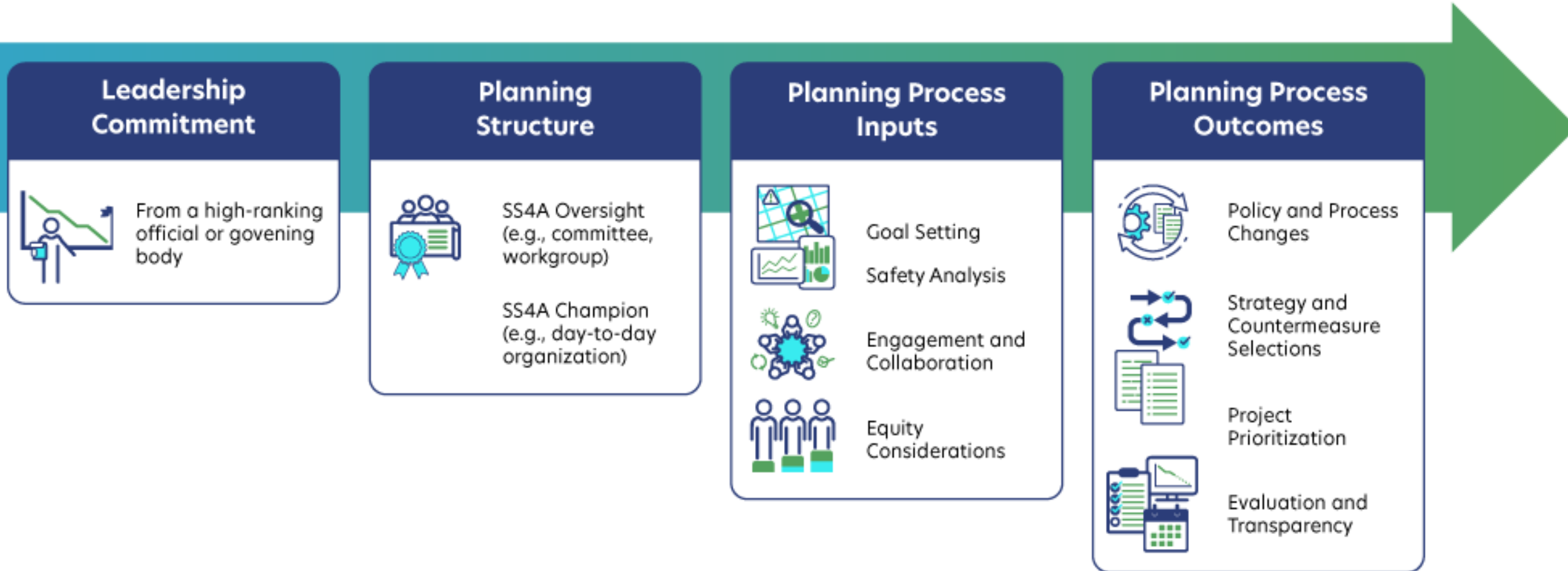
- Implement projects and strategies
- Conduct planning and design
- Conduct supplemental action planning activities (in support of an existing comprehensive safety action plan)

Applicant must already have established Action Plan in place. Activities must be tied directly to projects and strategies identified in Action Plan.

See NOFO, section 3ii on page 15



Planning Grants



Supplemental Planning Activities

- Additional or updated analysis;
- Expanded data collection and evaluation using integrated data;
- Feasibility studies using quick build strategies;
- Follow-up stakeholder engagement and collaboration;
- Targeted equity assessments;
- Progress report development; and
- Complementary planning efforts such as speed management plans, accessibility and transition plans, racial and health equity plans, and lighting management plans.



Implementation Grants

- Implementation Grants fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address a roadway safety problem.
- Applicants **must** have an established Action Plan to apply for Implementation Grants.



Source: FHWA



Implementation Grants: Illustrative Activities



Which Grant is Right for Your Community?

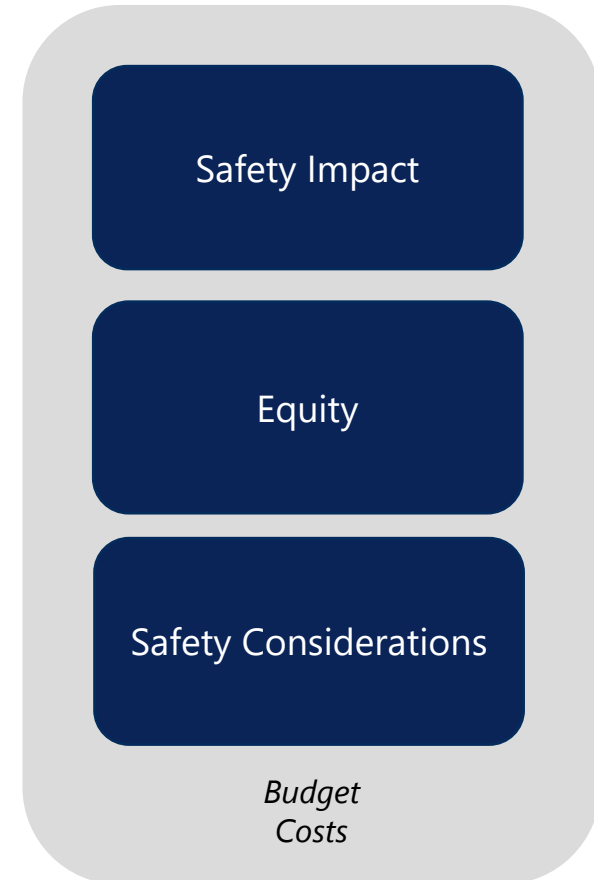




Selection and Award Process

Action Plan Grants Evaluation Approach

- Developed to be accessible to all communities, low barrier to entry
- Three major criteria:
 - Safety Impact (*quantitative*)
 - Equity (*quantitative*)
 - Safety Considerations (*narrative*)
- Quantitative criteria rely on public information and give options to meet community needs:
 - The count of roadway fatalities from 2016-2020
 - Fatality rate average from 2016-2020, divided by 2020 U.S. Census population
 - Percent of population in underserved communities within the jurisdiction
- Additional consideration:
 - Budget Costs



Implementation Grants Evaluation Approach

Implementation Grant applications should draw upon the foundation of the Action Plan, which is built on safety and equity as principal components.

Four selection criteria:

1. **Safety impact**
2. Equity, engagement, collaboration
3. Effective practices and strategies
4. Climate and sustainability, and economic competitiveness

Two considerations:

- Project readiness
- Funds to underserved communities



What Happens After You Submit the Application?

- Intake, including completeness and eligibility checks
- Sort applications into Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants
- Action Plan Grants:
 - Screen for duplicative Action Plan Grants applications in same location
 - Review application information, merit criteria, and budget information
 - Rank grants based on merit criteria
- Implementation Grants:
 - Review merit criteria, considerations, and budget
 - Application evaluations, assign ratings based on merit criteria
- Senior Review Team reviews evaluations, sends lists to the Secretary for final consideration
- Secretary reviews lists and makes final selections for awards





How to Apply

Application Aids

- A series of checklists, planning worksheets, and fillable forms is available on the SS4A website to help guide applicants through the eligibility and application process.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant

This document is not meant to replace the NOFO. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOFO to correctly apply for a grant. See the SS4A website for more information: <https://www.transportation.gov/ss4a>

Step 1 Learn about the SS4A Grant Program

- Review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- Check out "How to Apply" webinars and other resources.
- Learn more about the *Safe System Approach*, and comprehensive safety action planning.

Step 2 Decide who will apply

- Confirm that you are *eligible to apply*.
- Consider whether to apply individually or as part of a joint application with other eligible applicants.

Step 3 Start the process with SAM.gov

- New applicants must obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
- Applicants that previously had a DUNS number must confirm UEI.
- Joint Applications chose a single lead applicant with a single UEI.

Step 4 Choose your planning approach

- Will you develop a new plan or complete an existing plan(s)?
- Do you have a plan, but want to pursue supplemental planning activities, including advanced research and analysis?
- See the *SS4A Decision Flow Chart* for more guidance.

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Still have questions? Visit the [SS4A website](https://www.transportation.gov/ss4a)
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Commitment and Goal Setting

...replace the NOFO. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOFO to correctly apply for a grant. See the SS4A website for more information: <https://www.transportation.gov/ss4a>

...by a high-ranking official (e.g., Mayor, Police Board, etc.) to an action plan. The commitment must include a goal to reduce serious injuries, or deaths, by a specific percentage within a set time frame.

...charged with oversight of the transportation system.

...is a baseline level of crashes by mode, location, time of day, etc. Includes a list of the crashes, as well as a list of the people involved, including pedestrians, people walking, transit passengers, etc. To the extent possible, plans and processes are being implemented to the extent possible.

...including the private sector and feedback. Plans and processes are being implemented to the extent possible.

...we questions? Visit the [SS4A website](https://www.transportation.gov/ss4a)
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Application Details

- Final applications for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants must be submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov).
- **Please be aware that you must complete the Grants.gov registration process before submitting the final application, and that this process usually takes 2-4 weeks to complete.** Applicants are encouraged to start the Grants.gov registration process now.
- Final applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 15, 2022.** Applicants are strongly encouraged to make submissions in advance of the deadline.



Unique Entity Identifiers

- All applicants will need to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through GSA to apply for grant opportunities in grants.gov.
- On April 4, the federal government stopped using Dun & Bradstreet's proprietary Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) to identify contractors and grantees and began exclusively using the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
- **The process of obtaining a UEI can take up to a month, so applicants are encouraged to apply for the UEI now. If you previously had a DUNS number, your UEI has already been created and is available to view in SAM.gov.**
- For more information, see <https://sam.gov/content/home>.



SS4A Funding Parameters

- **Grants.gov Opportunity Number:** DOT-SS4A-FY22-01
- **CFDA Assistance Listing:** 20.939 – Safe Streets and Roads for All program
- Those interested in applying for Implementation Grants should use the application materials in Opportunity Package ID **PKG00274329**.
- Those interested in applying for Action Plan Grants should use the application materials in Opportunity Package ID **PKG00274330**.

www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/how-to-apply



Safety Data Resources



[FHWA Safety](#)



[FARS queries via
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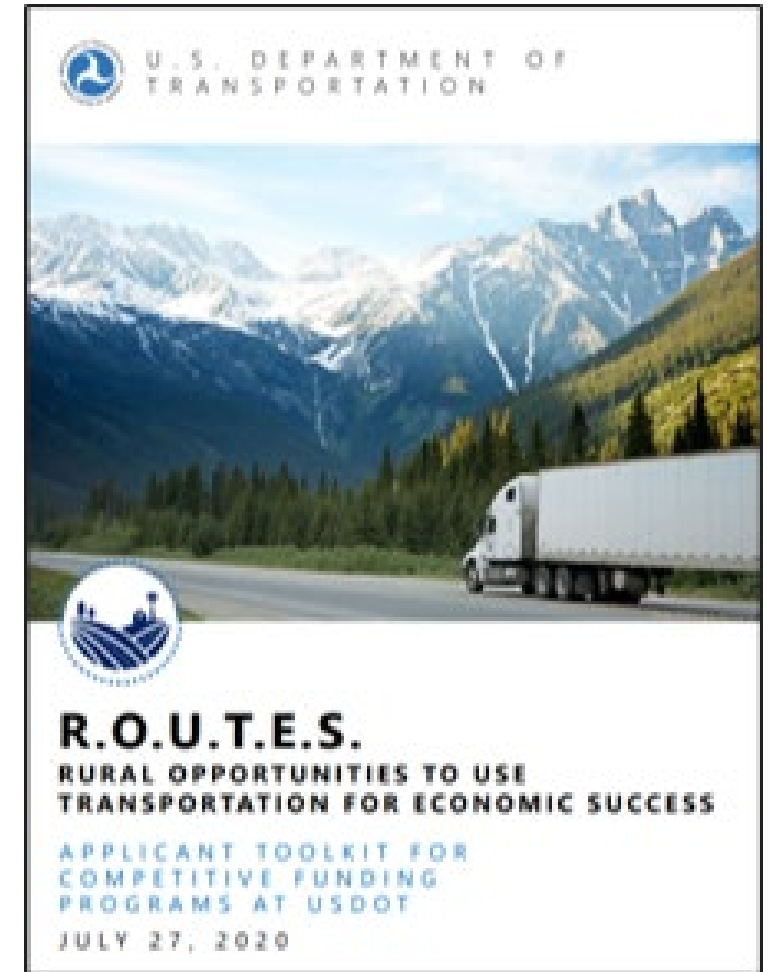


[CDC Health
Equity](#)



Federal Grants

- The R.O.U.T.E.S. grant applicant toolkit provides applicants with a roadmap and an overview of USDOT funding programs and opportunities.
- The toolkit includes specific tips on applying as a smaller applicant entity.
- The R.O.U.T.E.S. website hosts videos describing the toolkit and a PDF of the toolkit.
- www.transportation.gov/rural/grants/toolkit



Grants.gov

- Grants.gov also provides resources for applicants, including:
 - Grants 101 related materials on the overall discretionary funding process
 - Applicant training for using the Grants.gov application process

More information can be found at:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants.html>



Source: NHTSA



Grant Application Templates

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Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOFO. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOFO to correctly apply for a grant. While using this template is not required, DOT encourages its use to provide elements of the required application information. Additional information is required, to be submitted separately. See page 2 of this template for more information.

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Implementation Application Template

Lead Applicant:

Funding request:
(choose one)

☐ New Construction

☐ Rehabilitation

Applicant(s)

Total Value for Application:

If submitting a joint application, provide the aggregated values for the full plan area in this row.

If submitting a joint application, provide the individual values for the lead applicant and each joint applicant's individual portion of the plan area in the rows below.

Joint Applicant(s):

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Action Plan Application Template

Lead Applicant's State:

Request for Lead Applicant's State (\$):
cost if a Federally recognized Tribal government

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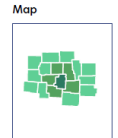
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Lead Applicant's State:
Mark "NA" if a Federally recognized Tribal government

Funding request for Lead Applicant's State (\$):
Provide total cost if a Federally recognized Tribal government

Link to Action Plan or Equivalent Plan(s):
(Note here if submitting a PDF copy with application)



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Lead Applicant's State:
Mark "NA" if a Federally recognized Tribal government

Funding request for Lead Applicant's State (\$):
Provide total cost if a Federally recognized Tribal government

Provide Additional Documents Separately:



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Implementation Application Template

Additional State #1 that this Implementation grant will serve: \$

Additional State #2 that this Implementation grant will serve: \$

Funding request for Additional State #1 (\$): \$

Funding request for Additional State #2 (\$): \$

I. Overview

II. Location

III. Response to Selection Criteria

IV. Project Readiness

Required Forms

Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

Supplemental Estimated Budget ("Table 3")

Required Forms

- SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
- SF-424C Budget Information for Construction Programs
- SF-424D Assurances for Construction Programs
- SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Apply to Grants.gov package: PKG00274329

Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

Supplemental Estimated Budget ("Table 3")



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Wrap Up

Friendly Advice and Reminders

- Submit technical questions by **August 15, 2022**.
- The SS4A program will consider one application per applicant, and applicants may only apply to one type of grant.
- Applicants must have an eligible Action Plan in place to apply for an Implementation grant.
- The SS4A program will not review or certify substantially similar plans to determine eligibility for Implementation Grants.
- Multiple Action Plan Grant applications that cover the same geographic area for an Action plan will be flagged as potentially duplicative and may not be funded.
- DOT encourages joint applications and partnerships.



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Related Links

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- [Complete Streets \(FHWA\)](#)
- [Countermeasures That Work \(NHTSA\)](#)
- [Local Road Safety Plans \(FHWA\)](#)
- [Our Roads, Our Safety \(FMCSA\)](#)
- [Proven Safety Countermeasures \(FHWA\)](#)
- [Zero Deaths – Saving Lives through a Safety Culture and](#)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to \$1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.


The SS4A program supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways.

FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity is open, now through September 15, 2022

The [FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is live on Grants.gov.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2022. For details, more information, and applicant guidance:

- [Review the NOFO](#)
- [Visit our "How to Apply" assistance page](#)
- [Attend a "How to Apply" webinar](#)



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Q&A