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

Audio

• To listen via computer: Select “Computer Audio”
• To listen via phone:
  • Call 669-254-5252
  • Webinar ID: 161 566 3620
  • Passcode: 234534
• All participants automatically join on mute, with cameras off

Technical Support

• Email Webconference@dot.gov

Questions for Presenters

• Please type your questions in the Q&A box

More Information

• www.transportation.gov/SS4A
Presenters

Emily Schweninger
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation

Jen Warren
Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants

Key program that supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy

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.


* Averages based on monthly fatality rate data per 100 million VMT by roadway function class.
Equity and Roadway Fatalities

Fatalities have **disparate impacts**...

![Bar chart showing pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 population by race, 2018](chart.png)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Total Population
- White
- Asian

*Source: FARS 2018 Final File; Population – Census Bureau*
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](http://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.

Source: FHWA
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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grant Type</th>
<th>Political subdivision of a State</th>
<th>Federally recognized Tribal Government</th>
<th>MPO or joint application</th>
<th>Cost share/match</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Expected Action Plan Grant Size*</td>
<td>$200,000 - $1M</td>
<td>$200,000 – $1M</td>
<td>$200,000 - $5M</td>
<td>• 80% Federal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expected Implementation Grant Size*</td>
<td>$5M - $30M</td>
<td>$3M - $30M (also applies to rural applicants)</td>
<td>$5M - $50M ($3M - $50M for rural applicants)</td>
<td>• In-kind contributions allowed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Not more than 15% of funds can be awarded to projects in a single State in a given fiscal year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Tribal applications are not counted toward the State cap</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• No set-aside for rural areas or other grantee categories</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

**Action Plan**

- 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**

- 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

Leadership Commitment
From a high-ranking official or governing body.

Planning Structure
- SS4A Oversight (e.g., committee, workgroup)
- SS4A Champion (e.g., day-to-day organization)

Planning Process Inputs
- Goal Setting
- Safety Analysis
- Engagement and Collaboration
- Equity Considerations

Planning Process Outcomes
- Policy and Process Changes
- Strategy and Countermeasure Selections
- Project Prioritization
- Evaluation and Transparency
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.

Source: Volpe
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

Source: USDOT

Source: FTA

Source: USDOT

Source: USDOT

Source: USDOT
Which Grant is Right for Your Community?

1. Do we have an existing Action Plan(s)?
   - Vision Zero Plan
   - Local Road Safety Plan
   - Tribal Transp. Safety Plan
   - Similar Safety Plan(s)

2. Does our existing Action Plan(s) have the necessary elements?
   - All 3 Required Elements
   - At least 4 of 6 Other Elements

3. Are we ready to implement items from our Action Plan?
   - Projects
   - Strategies
   - Additional Planning & Analysis

Apply for an Action Plan Grant

Apply for an Implementation Grant

U.S. Department of Transportation
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 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

**Considerations include:**
- *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.
Application Details

• Final applications for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants must be submitted through 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](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](http://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/how-to-apply)
Safety Data Resources

- FHWA Safety
- FARS queries via FIRST
- EPA EJ Screen
- STSI
- NEMSIS
- Census
- 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
Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All

Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All

Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All

Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All

Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All

Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All

Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All

Grant Application Templates

Safe Streets and Roads for All
Action Plan Application Template

This document is not meant to replace the NOD. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOD 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 and the SAA website for more information about required materials: https://www.transportation.gov/saa

Lead Applicant’s State:
Safest Streets for All
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.
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

www.transportation.gov/SS4A
Q&A