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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)



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- www.transportation.gov/SS4A
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SS4A Webinars

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

1. 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. 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. 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)



Are you in the right place?

- The SS4A program funds local, Tribal, and regional initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- You're in the right place if you:
 - Have an existing, eligible Action Plan to apply for Implementation Grants.
 - Are ready to implement projects and strategies outlined in that Action Plan, with the potential for additional planning and analysis.
- If applicants do not have an existing Action Plan, they should apply for Action Plan Grants and **NOT** Implementation Grants.



Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants

Key program that supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy



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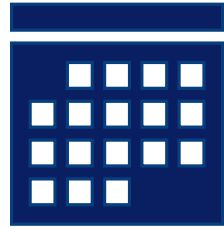
Funding supports local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, commonly referred to as “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” Initiatives.

\$5 billion in appropriated funding, FY22-26.

Up to \$1 billion for this FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).



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
on Grants.gov
(no late applications will be accepted)



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





Overview and Eligibility

SS4A Overview: Eligible Applicants

- Metropolitan planning organization (MPO)
- 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
- May submit applications as an individual entity, or a joint application



SS4A Overview: Joint Applicants vs. Partners

Joint applicants:

- Are each independently eligible entities
- Are each party to the grant
- May only be a joint applicant/individual applicant on **one application**

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
- You can partner on multiple applications



Implementation Plan Grants: Considerations for Collaboration

- Who owns and maintains the roadways where the projects and strategies are to be executed?
- What expertise do you need to successfully execute the projects and strategies?
- How familiar and comfortable are you in administering Federal grant agreements and abiding by all applicable Federal requirements?
- Who directly benefits from the safety improvements as a result of the projects and strategies?
- Do you have, or can you get, agreements and Memorandum of Understanding in place to successfully execute the projects and strategies?



Implementation Grant or Action Plan Grant?



SS4A Overview: Funding

| Grant Type | Political subdivision of a State | Federally recognized Tribal Government | MPO or joint application |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Expected Implementation Grant Size* | \$5M - \$30M | \$3M - \$30M <i>(also applies to rural applicants)</i> | \$5M - \$50M <i>(\$3M - \$50M for rural applicants)</i> |

Cost share/match

- 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
- Tribal applications are not counted toward the State cap
- No set-aside for rural areas or other grantee categories

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



Specific Implementation Grant Eligibility Requirements

- Existing Action Plan
 - Meets criteria in NOFO Table 1 ([Action Plan Components](#)) and Table 2 ([Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet](#)).
 - Focused, at least in part, on the roadway network within the applicant's jurisdiction.
 - Identifies projects and strategies for Implementation Grant.
 - Cannot use State-level action plan for SS4A applications.
- Must also have:
 - Ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities over a roadway network;
 - Safety responsibilities that affect roadways; and/or
 - An agreement from the agency that has ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the roadway within the applicant's jurisdiction.

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Safe Streets and Roads for All Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet'. The header includes the SS4A logo and the title. Below the header, there is a disclaimer and instructions. The main body of the worksheet contains several numbered questions with checkboxes for 'YES' and 'NO'. Questions 1, 2, and 3 are visible, each with a list of criteria. At the bottom, there is a link to the SS4A website for more information.

SS4A Safe Streets and Roads for All
Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

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If both conditions are not met, an applicant is still eligible to apply for an Action Plan Grant that funds creation of a new action plan.

Lead Applicant: _____ UEI: _____

1 Are both of the following true? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, provide documentation: _____

- Did a high-ranking official and/or governing body in the jurisdiction publicly commit to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries?
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- Analysis of existing conditions and historical trends to baseline the level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across a jurisdiction, locality, Tribe, or region;
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Implementation Grant Reminders

- Projects and strategies must be identified in an existing, eligible plan.
- Projects and strategies outside of an eligible plan should not be included.
- Projects and strategies that cross multiple political subdivisions, safety issue areas, and corridors/roadway networks are permitted and can be bundled together as long as they are in an existing, eligible plan or plans.
- Implementation Grants may fund supplemental action plan activities in support of an existing plan. **Implementation Grants do not fund the development of new Action Plans.**
- Eligible applicants may not submit more than one application.





Implementation Grant Activities

Program Design: Grant Types

Eligible Activities (BIL):

- (A) Develop Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- (B) Conduct planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan
- (C) Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan

Action Plan

Develop or complete a comprehensive safety action plan (A)

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

Implementation

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

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



What does an Implementation Grant fund?

- Implementation Grants **must** fund the execution of projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems.
- Projects and strategies can be infrastructure, behavioral, and/or operationally focused.
- Implementation Grants **may** also fund:
 - Planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies (B).
 - Associated planning and design and supplemental Action Plan activities in support of an existing Action Plan (A).



Implementation Grant: Illustrative Projects and Strategies



Supplemental Action Plan Activities vs. Project-Level Planning

Supplemental action plan activities in support of an Action Plan (A).

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

Planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan (B).

- Pre-construction design for an infrastructure project;
- Documentation to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act requirements for a specific project;
- Right-of-way acquisition and permitting for an infrastructure safety project;
- Developing advertising documents;
- Data collection for required reporting and evaluation.



Ineligible Projects and Strategies

- **Projects and strategies whose primary purpose is not roadway safety.**
- **Projects and strategies exclusively focused on non-roadway modes of transportation.**
- **Capital projects to construct new roadways used for motor vehicles.** New roadways exclusively for non-motorists is an eligible activity if the primary purpose is safety-related.
- **Infrastructure projects primarily intended to expand capacity to improve Levels of Service** for motorists on an existing roadway, such as the creation of additional lanes.
- **Maintenance activities for an existing roadway primarily to maintain a state of good repair.** However, roadway modifications on an existing roadway in support of specific safety-related projects identified in an Action Plan are eligible activities.
- **Development or implementation of a public transportation agency safety plan (PTASP)** required by 49 U.S.C. § 5329.



Project and Strategy Location

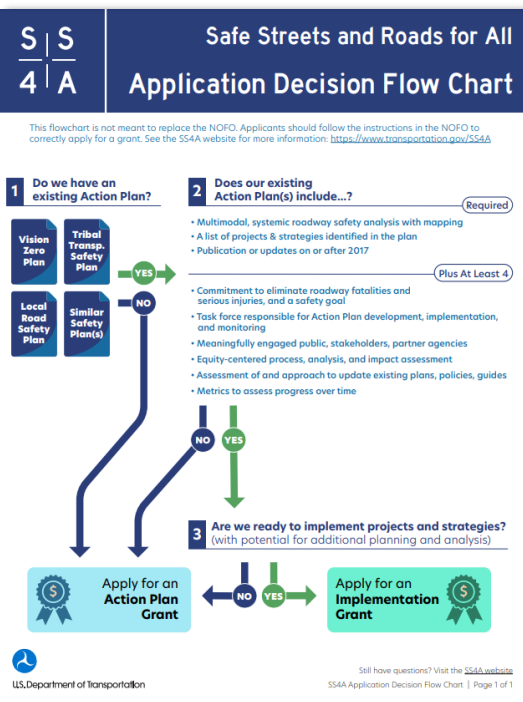
- Applications must identify the problems to be addressed, the relevant geographic locations, and the projects and strategies they plan to implement, **based on the Action Plan or established plan.**
- This should include specific intervention types to the extent practicable.
- An applicant may wait to specify specific site locations and designs, upon approval, so long as the identified site and locations and designs remain consistent with the intent of the award.
- We expect applications with more specific detail on project and strategy implementation to do better in the Project Readiness consideration when evaluating applications.





Implementation Grant Application

SS4A Application Aids



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Lead Applicant:

UE:

1 Are both of the following true?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide documentation:

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☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide documentation:

3 Does the Action Plan include all of the following?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide documentation:

- Analysis of existing conditions and historical trends to baseline the level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across a jurisdiction, locality, Tribe, or region;
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
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Step 1




Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



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 integrating the Safe System Approach into your eligible Implementation Grant projects and strategies.

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.

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 choose a single lead applicant with a single UEI.

Decide how to implement your plan

- Use your Action Plan to inform your implementation.
- Determine which projects and strategies from your Action Plan to implement as part of this grant.
- Consider also pursuing supplemental action plan activities.

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Implementation Application Template

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applicant name: _____
Local Applicant: _____
US: _____

applicant activity responsibility by:
(check one, all that apply)

☐ community safety or transportation program activities or a related activity

☐ safety program activities that affect roadways

☐ work on or agreement from the agency that has authority to conduct safety work, regardless of whether the work occurs within the applicant's jurisdiction

cost categories for eligible activities

| applicant | construction project (A) | operational project (B) | planning, safety, and development project (C) | other project (D) | other project (E) | other project (F) | other project (G) |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | US Grant/State | | | | | | |

Local applicant:

| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1. construction project | | | | | | | |
| 2. operational project | | | | | | | |
| 3. planning, safety, and development project | | | | | | | |
| 4. other project | | | | | | | |
| 5. other project | | | | | | | |
| 6. other project | | | | | | | |
| 7. other project | | | | | | | |
| 8. other project | | | | | | | |

US Grant/State

If more than 8 joint applicants, attach a separate table with additional rows for each additional joint applicant

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Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Application Template

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Application Name: Lead Applicant: UEI:

Roadway safety responsibility:
(select all that apply)



Ownership and/or maintenance
responsibilities over a roadway network



Safety responsibilities
that affect roadways



Have an agreement from the agency that has
ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities
for the roadway within the applicant's jurisdiction

| Applicant(s) | Jurisdiction Population (#) | Cost Subtotals for Eligible Activities | | | Percent of Population in Underserved Communities Census Tracts (%) | Funds Allocated to Underserved Communities |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| | | Supplemental Action Plan Activities (A) | Planning, Design, and Development Activities for Projects / Strategies (B) | Carrying Out Projects and Strategies (C) | | |
| | <input type="text" value="U.S. Census Data"/> | | | | <input type="text" value="U.S. Census Data"/> | |
| Total Value for Application: | <input type="text" value="1,255,296"/> | <input type="text" value="\$ 200,000"/> | <input type="text" value="\$ 484,000"/> | <input type="text" value="\$ 4,361,000"/> | <input type="text" value="6.50 %"/> | <input type="text" value="\$ 2,550,000"/> |

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.

Lead Applicant:

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> % | \$ <input type="text"/> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|

Joint Applicant(s):

| | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> % | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| 2 | <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> % | \$ <input type="text"/> |
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Lead Applicant's State:

Mark "NA" if a Federally
recognized Tribal government

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Additional State #1 that this
Implementation grant will serve:

Additional State #2 that this
Implementation grant will serve:

Funding request for Lead
Applicant's State (\$):

Provide total cost if a Federally
recognized Tribal government

\$ 4,038,000

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

\$

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

\$

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

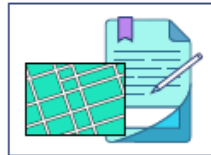
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Provide Required
Narrative Separately:
(10 page limit)

I. Overview



II. Location



III. Response to Selection Criteria



IV. Project Readiness



Provide Additional
Documents Separately:

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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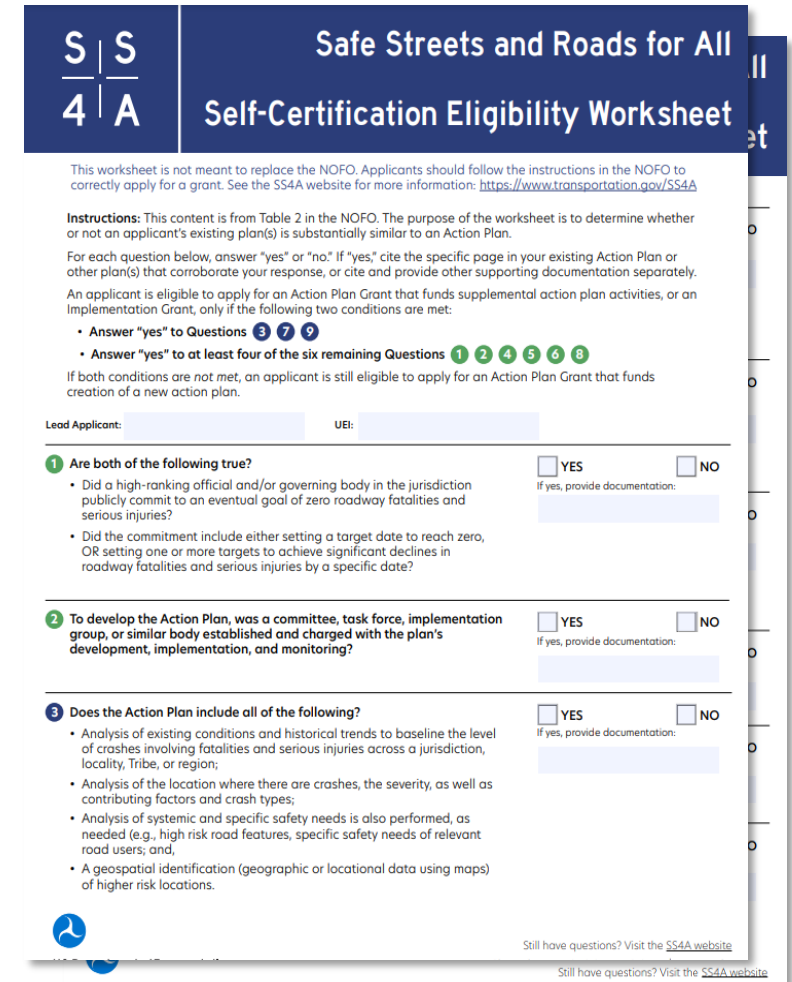
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 - Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D)
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- Key Information
- Narrative
- Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet
- Budget



Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

- Applicants are also required to attach a completed Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet.
- The worksheet can be found on the SS4A website, on Grants.gov, or by using this link: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/self-certification-worksheet>



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Three MUST be YES Questions:

- Analysis
- List of projects and strategies
- Plan completed and last updated 2017-2022
 - Plan must be complete on or before **September 15, 2022**



Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

At least 4/6 YES Questions:

- Leadership commitment and goal setting
- Committee/taskforce led Action Plan development
- Engagement and collaboration
- Equity considerations
- Policy and process changes
- Evaluation and transparency

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- Answer "yes" to Questions **3 7 9**
- Answer "yes" to at least four of the six remaining Questions **1 2 4 5 6 8**



- **May not exceed 10 pages in length**, excluding cover pages and table of contents, Key Information, Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet, Budget, or appendices.
- Website links to support documentation should be provided, when possible.
- If supporting materials are submitted, applicants should clearly identify within the narrative the relevance of each supporting document.



Narrative Components

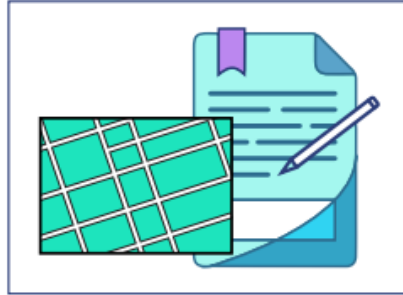
I. Overview



See NOFO D.2.ii.b.I

Provide an introduction, describe the safety context, jurisdiction, and any high-level background information that would be useful to understand the rest of the application.

II. Location



See NOFO D.2.ii.b.II

Describe the jurisdiction's location, the jurisdiction's High-Injury Network or equivalent geospatial identification of higher-risk locations, and locations and corridors of the projects and strategies.

III. Response to Selection Criteria



See NOFO D.2.ii.b.III and Section E.1.ii

Respond to the criteria for evaluation and selection in Section E.1.ii of this Notice and include compelling narrative to highlight how the application aligns with each of the four criteria.

IV. Project Readiness



See NOFO D.2.ii.b.IV

Provide information to demonstrate the ability to substantially execute and complete the full scope of work in the application proposal within five years of when the grant is executed.



Documentation must include:

- **SF-424C** (provides most of the budget information).
- Brief budget summary and high-level overview of estimated activity costs.
- Itemized estimate of the costs of the proposed projects and strategies at the individual component level.
- Breakdown of **SS4A funding Federal share and non-Federal share funds**.
- **NOFO Table 3** cost breakdown of the 3 types of eligible activities (A), (B), and (C).
- Estimated costs or value of in-kind matches.

Agreement Funding: Cost Sharing and Matching Reminders

- Recipients are required to contribute a non-Federal matching share of **no less than 20 percent of eligible activity costs**.
- Local match may only be used once and may not be used as match for multiple Federal awards.
- Other Federal funds cannot be used toward the local match requirement.
- Funds from other entities such as partners may count towards the match as long as they are using non-Federal funds.
- Grant agreements are expected to be administered on a reimbursement basis, and recipients will be reimbursed for up to 80 percent of their eligible expenses.

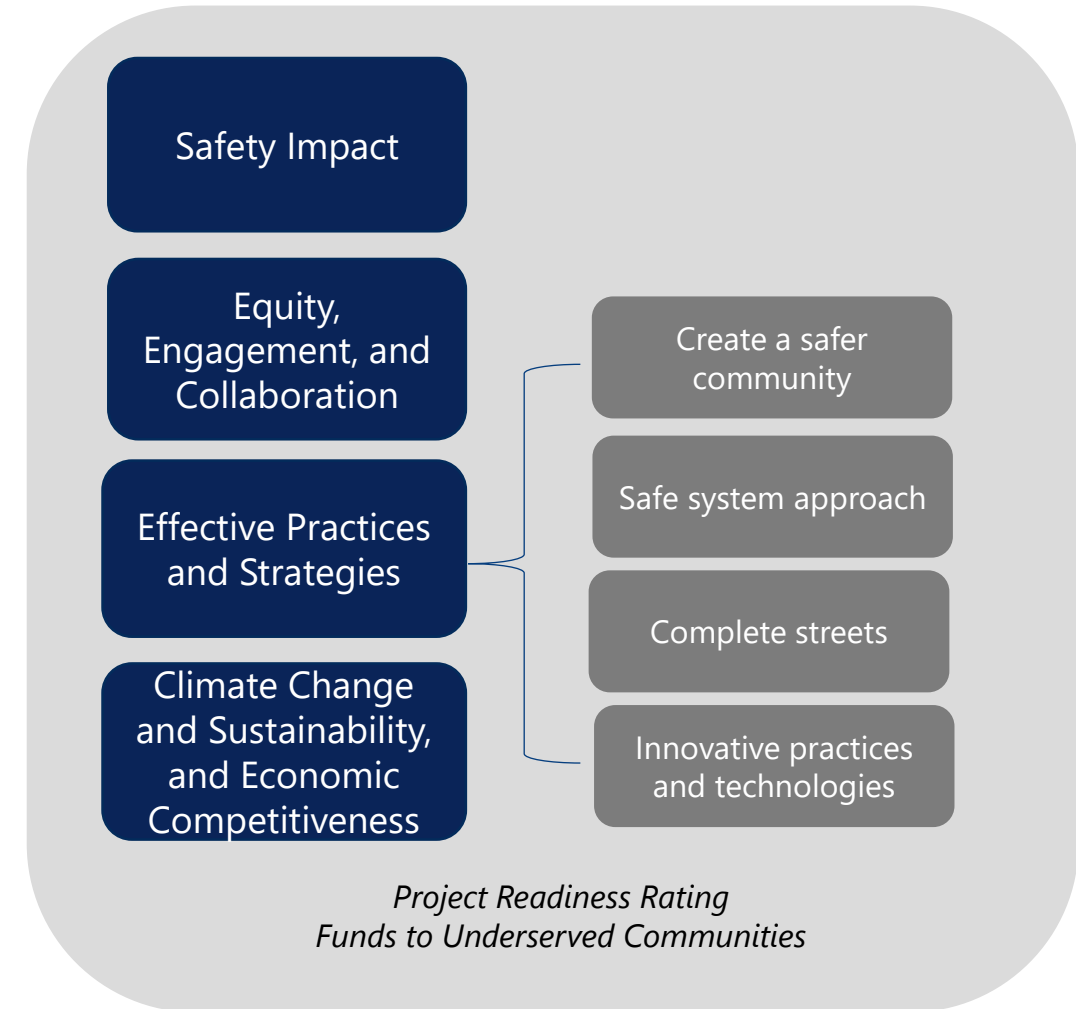




Implementation Plan Review and Selection Process

Implementation Grants Application Narrative

- Four criteria:
 1. Safety Impact – *highest priority*
 2. Equity, engagement, collaboration
 3. Effective practices and strategies
 4. Climate and sustainability, and economic competitiveness
- Two considerations:
 1. Project readiness rating
 2. Funds in underserved communities
- Implementation Grant Applications should draw upon the foundation of the Action Plan



Criteria: Safety Impact Criterion

- Safety impact is the **most important criterion** and will be weighed more heavily in the review and selection process.
- DOT will assess whether the proposal is likely to:
 - Significantly reduce or eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries;
 - Employ low-cost, high-impact strategies over a wide geographic area; and
 - Include evidence-based projects and strategies.
- Department will assess the applicant's description of the safety problem, safety impact assessment, and costs as part of the safety impact criterion.



Breaking Down the Safety Impact

Describe the Safety Problem

- Connect the safety problem(s) to your projects and strategies
- Use the analysis from your Action Plan
- Multiple ways to show the safety problem(s)

Safety Impact Assessment

- Projects and strategies address the problem
- Evidence-based solutions
- Measurable safety benefits

Implementation Costs

- Project and strategy costs are itemized and summarized
- Use SF-424C plus a summary in the application
- Are costs reasonable?



Criteria: Equity, Engagement, Collaboration

- DOT will assess the extent to which projects and strategies:
 - Ensure equitable investment in underserved communities in preventing roadway fatalities and serious injuries, including rural communities.
 - Consider key population groups to ensure the impact to these groups is understood and addressed.
 - Include equity analysis, both quantitative and qualitative, as well as stakeholder engagement in underserved communities.
 - Include meaningful engagement activities.
 - Leverage partnerships to achieve safety benefits and minimize unintended consequences.



Criteria: Effective Practices and Strategies

- The response to this criterion needs to address, at a minimum, one of the following effective practices and strategies:
 1. Create a safer community
 2. Safe System Approach
 3. Complete Streets
 4. Innovative practices and technologies
- If the applicant responds to more than one option, **the option with the highest rating** will be used for scoring (no combined rating).



Focus on 1 of 4 Effective Practices and Strategies

(1) Create a Safer Community

Evidence-based, proven, and effective safety countermeasures

- Improve safety for all road users
- Basic evidence-based roadway infrastructure
- Apply systemic safety practices over a wide area

(2) Safe System Approach (SSA)

Incorporates multiple elements:

- Safer people
- Safer roads
- Safer speeds
- Safer vehicles
- Post-crash care

Addresses SSA principles:

- Human-centric
- Limit kinetic energy
- Humans make mistakes



Focus on 1 of 4 Effective Practices and Strategies (cont.)

(3) Complete Streets

- Solutions focused on multiple road users
- Accessibility and multimodal networks
- Complete Streets policy or similar roadway safety policies to remove barriers to multimodal safety

(4) Innovative Practices and Technologies

- Innovative technologies and/or practices to promote safety and equity
- Efficiency within the planning and road management lifecycle
- Projects and strategies based on integrated data analysis
- Applied research and experimentation



Criteria: Climate and Sustainability, and Economic Competitiveness

- Demonstrate support of Departmental goals
- Examples include:
 - Reduce motor vehicle-related pollution such as air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Increase safety of lower-carbon travel modes such as transit and active transportation.
 - Incorporate lower-carbon pavement and construction materials.
 - Includes climate resilience measures (e.g., storm water management practices, etc.).
 - Increased economic activity, as well as improved mobility and connectivity.
 - Workforce benefits.



“Highly Recommended” Application Scenarios

| Selection Criteria | Scenario (a) Criteria Rating | Scenario (b) Criteria Rating |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Safety Impact | High | Medium |
| Equity, Engagement, and Collaboration | Medium or High | High |
| Effective Practices and Strategies | Medium or High | High |
| Climate Change Sustainability, and Economic Competitiveness | Low, Medium, or High | High |
| Overall Rating | Highly Recommended | Highly Recommended |



Consideration: Project Readiness

- Applications rated as “Highly Recommended” or “Recommended” are reviewed for Project Readiness.
- Assesses whether an applicant could reasonably execute and complete the projects and strategies within 5 years. Three possible ratings:
 1. Very Likely
 2. Likely
 3. Unlikely
- Applications with an “unlikely” project readiness may be removed from consideration or scoped down to remove some projects and strategies.



How Do I Demonstrate Project Readiness?

- Detailed activity schedule that identifies all major project and strategy milestones, including but not limited to:
 - Design and construction standards
 - Environmental processes (National Environmental Policy Act)
 - Permits
 - Approvals
- Clear, detailed, and realistic milestones help evaluators determine the project readiness.
- You must be able to complete all required design and construction standards, as well as environmental, permitting, and approval processes, within 5 years.



Consideration: Funds in Underserved Communities

- Underserved community is aligned with the Interim Guidance for the Justice40 Initiative and the Historically Disadvantaged Community designation.
- The percentage of Implementation Grant funds that will be spent in, and provide safety benefits to, locations in census tracts designated as underserved communities.
- Higher percentages of funding in underserved communities will be generally viewed favorably.

Areas of Persistent Poverty Project (APP) and Historically Disadvantaged Community (HDC) Status Tool: <https://datahub.transportation.gov/stories/s/tsyd-k6ij>



Implementation Grant Award Selection

Considerations before the Secretary selects:

- No more than 15 percent of the FY 2022 funds made available may be awarded to eligible applicants in a single State.
- At least 40 percent of FY 2022 funds will be awarded for Action Plan Grants and supplemental action plan activities.
- Applications with an “unlikely” project readiness may be removed.
- DOT may choose to award lesser amounts than requested in applications.





Post-Award Requirements

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

- Equity and Equal Employment Opportunity
- Labor and Workforce
- Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience
- Build America, Buy America
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)
- 2 CFR Part 200
- Other Administrative and Policy Requirements



Data Reporting Requirements


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- Progress Reporting on Grant Activity
 - Quarterly program performance reports using SF-PPR and quarterly financial status using the SF-425
- Post Award Reporting Requirements/Reporting of Matters Related to Integrity and Performance
- Program Evaluation



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- [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