



Safe Streets and Roads for All Eligible and Ineligible SS4A Applicants

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program is focused on improving roadway safety for all users by reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes through comprehensive safety action plans (Action Plans) and their subsequent implementation. To learn more about eligibility requirements for SS4A and to determine if you can apply, please consider these questions:

Eligible

- Which **applicants** are considered **eligible** for the SS4A grant program?
 - A political subdivision of a State or territory, defined as a unit of government created under the authority of State law. This includes cities, towns, counties, special districts, certain transit agencies, and similar units of local government.
 - Federally recognized Tribal government.
 - Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).
 - A multijurisdictional group of entities from the ones described above (select one lead applicant from group).
- What are the eligibility requirements to apply specifically for an Action Plan Grant:
 - Must be an eligible applicant as described above and in the NOFO.
- What are the eligibility requirements to apply specifically for **Implementation Grants**:
 - Must be an eligible applicant with an eligible Action Plan in place based on the [Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet](#) AND have at least one of the following:
 - Ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities over a roadway network
 - Safety responsibilities that affect roadways
 - An agreement from the agency that has ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the roadway within the applicant's jurisdiction
- Would a **rural community** be eligible? Would a **Regional Planning Commission** or **Council of Governments** be eligible?
 - Yes. Rural communities are encouraged to apply.
 - Yes. A Regional Planning Commission or Council of Governments whose members are counties or cities would be eligible applicants as counties and cities are political subdivisions of a State. Multijurisdictional entities comprised of eligible applicants such as cities and counties are also eligible applicants.

- Would a **transit agency** be eligible?
 - Transit districts, authorities, or public benefit corporations that are not operated directly by the State DOT are eligible. This includes transit authorities operated by political subdivisions of a State.
- Would a **Tribal consortium** be eligible?
 - Yes. Tribal consortiums are encouraged to apply. One of the program's priorities is ensuring equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved communities, which includes any Tribal land, as discussed in the NOFO.
- Would a **State university, school district, or local public health** agency be eligible?
 - Potentially yes. A State university, school district, or local public health agency is an eligible applicant if it is a political subdivision of a State as defined in the NOFO.

Ineligible

- Which **applicants** are considered **ineligible** for the SS4A grant program?
 - State agencies.
 - Political subdivisions not created under the authority of State law.
 - Non-profit organizations and private-sector entities.
 - All other organizations or entities not listed under eligible applicants.
- Would a State Department of Transportation (DOT), a State Highway Administration, or a State Highway Safety Office be eligible?
 - No. State agencies are not eligible. However, applicants are encouraged to partner with State entities, as appropriate. A partner is not an applicant or joint applicant but can provide support to the applicant.
- Would a consultant or private-sector agency be eligible?
 - Consultants and private-sector agencies are not eligible to be the applicant for the SS4A program. However, eligible applicants may employ consultant services to help prepare applications and/or as part of meeting the needs of the grant. Please note that funds spent prior to the execution of a grant agreement between the grant recipient and the USDOT are not eligible for reimbursement or to count toward local match under the grant.