



# **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) for Rural and Tribal Applicants**



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# Webinar Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Leadership Perspective
3. Overview of SS4A
4. Q&A
5. Closing



# Today's Speakers



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# Leadership Perspective

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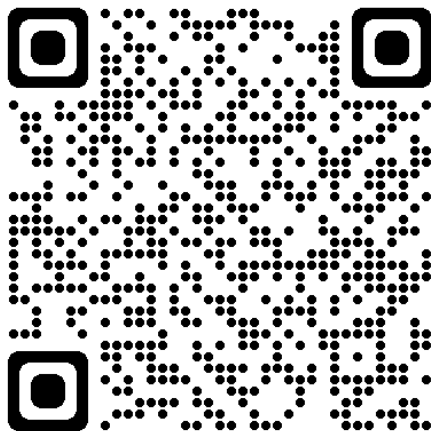


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# Resources from USDOT's Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)








**Visit the ROUTES website**

https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grants/toolkit

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## Applicant Toolkit for Competitive Funding Programs at USDOT



The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has developed this Applicant Toolkit to provide guidance as part of the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (R.O.U.T.E.S.) Initiative to support potential applicants in identifying and navigating USDOT discretionary grant funding opportunities for rural transportation projects. In support of the initiative's goals, this toolkit provides user-friendly information and resources to support rural applicants' understanding of USDOT discretionary grant programs and the funding process.

The Applicant Toolkit is designed for all levels of grant applicant experience, aiming to enhance access to USDOT resources for rural transportation projects. Specifically, this toolkit illustrates key applicant activities when participating in the USDOT discretionary grants process, catalogues USDOT discretionary grant programs by applicant type and eligible project activities in a USDOT Discretionary Grant Funding Matrix, and provides resources for applicants to maximize the potential for award success.



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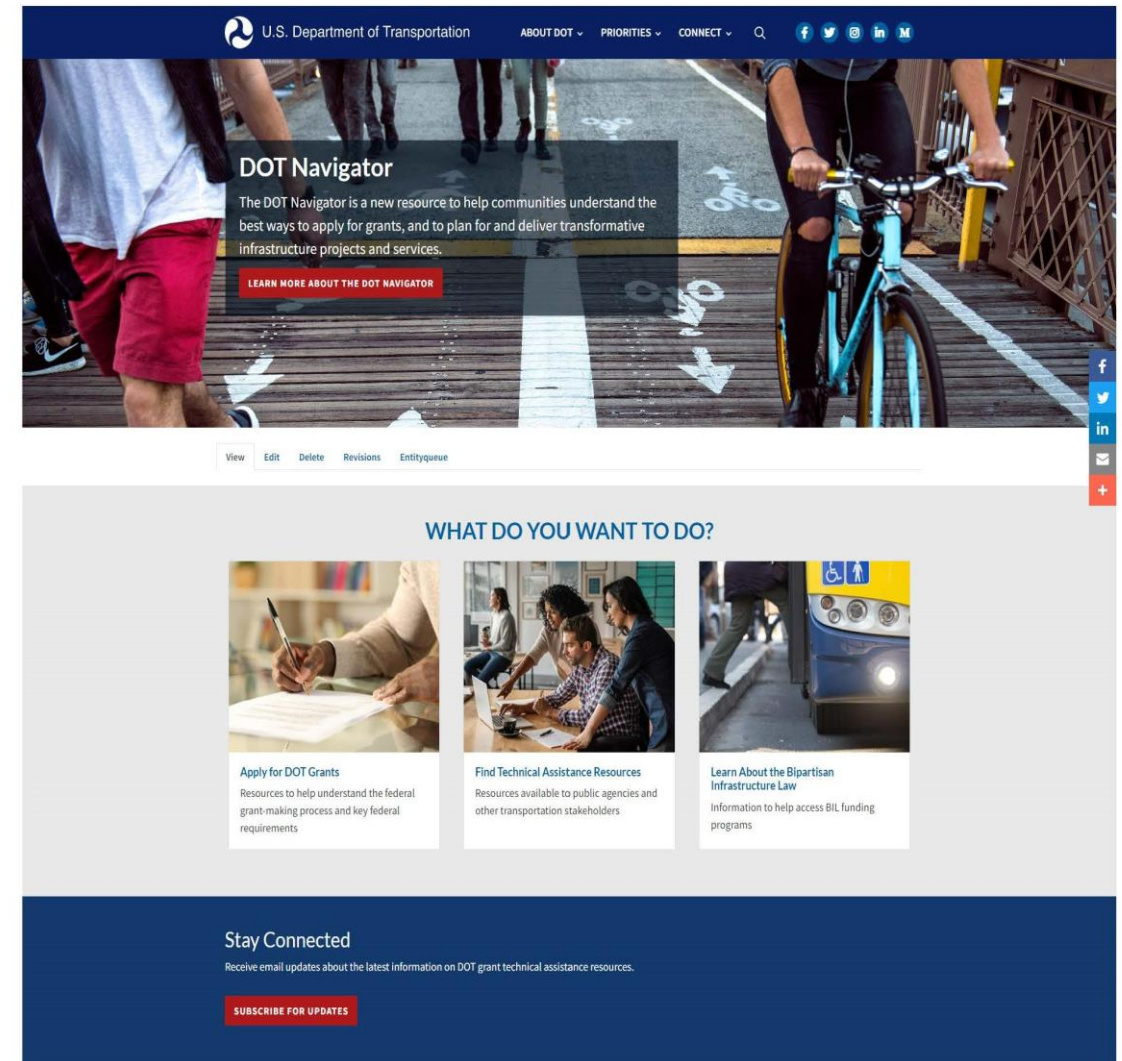
## Coordinating and Improving Access to the DOT Technical Assistance Resources

[Visit DOT Navigator for Technical Assistance Resources](#)



## Sample Grant Application Resources

- Overview of DOT Funding and Financing
- USDOT Discretionary Grant Process
- Understanding Federal Match Requirements
- Federal Tools to Determine Disadvantaged Community Status
- Maximizing Award Success
- Is Federal Funding the Right Fit for My Organization?







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# Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)





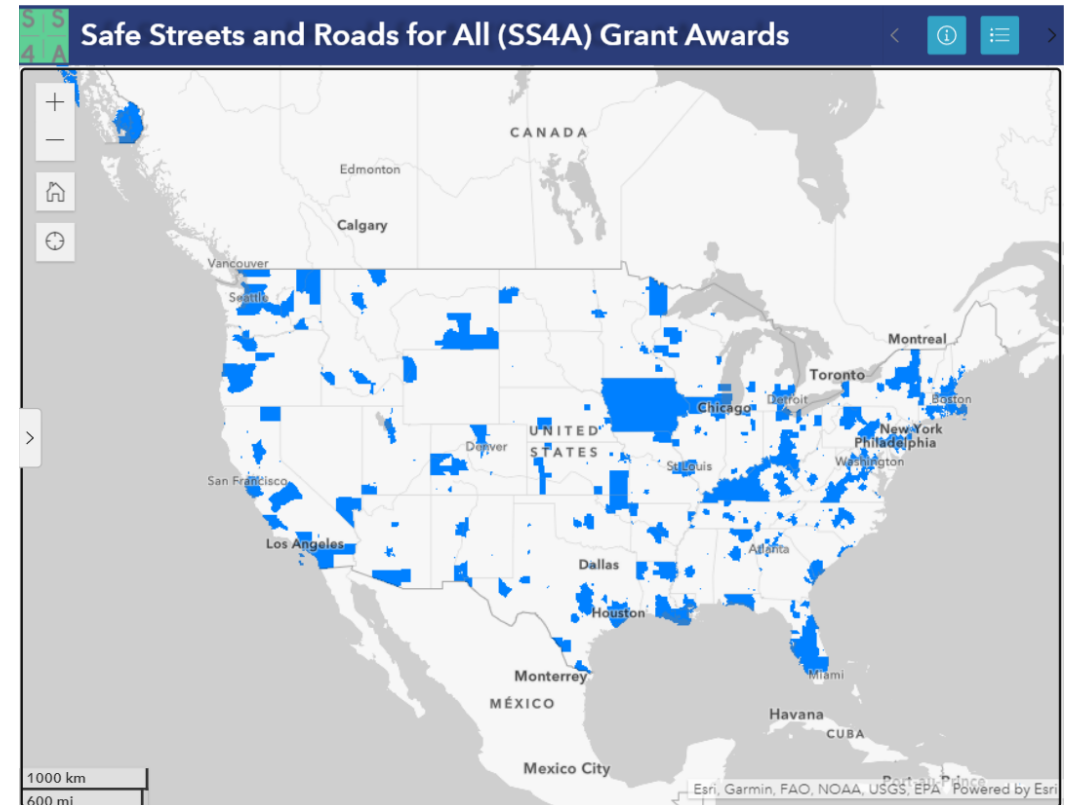
# Safe Streets and Roads for All

- \$5 billion discretionary grant program, with ~\$1 billion/year over 5 years
- Purpose: prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roadways
- Focus on comprehensive safety action planning, and implementing those plans
- Inclusive of all types of roadway safety interventions across the Safe System Approach



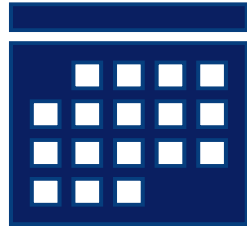
# FY 2022 Awards

- 511 communities were selected for FY 2022 grants
  - 474 Action Plan Grants
  - 37 Implementation Grants
- More than \$800 million awarded
- ~Half of awards to rural communities
- Funds will improve roadway safety planning for over half the nation's population





# SS4A NOFO Is Now Open



Notice of Funding Opportunity is now **OPEN**



**Submit** technical questions by June 16, 2023 to [ss4a@dot.gov](mailto:ss4a@dot.gov)

**Apply** by July 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. EDT (**no late applications will be accepted**)



Additional resources about SS4A and the NOFO can be found at on the [SS4A website](#)





# About SS4A Grants



# SS4A Overview: Eligibility

## Eligible Recipients

- Metropolitan planning organization (MPOs)
- Political subdivision of a State
- Federally recognized Tribal government
- Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above

## Eligible Activities

- Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
  - Develop or complete an Action Plan
  - Conduct supplemental planning
  - Carry out demonstration activities
- Planning, design, and development activities for **projects and strategies** identified in an Action Plan
- Implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan



# Is SS4A for Rural and Tribal Communities?

- Will SS4A meet the safety needs of my community?
- How burdensome is the application process for places with small [and mighty] teams?
- What's the likelihood I'll get funded?
- I'm concerned about non-Federal matching fund requirements. What's the story?





# Planning and Demonstration Activities

## Action Plan

- Develop or complete a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- 8 components to an Action Plan



Quick Build Example  
Source: Solomon Foundation

## Supplemental Planning

- Topical safety plans
- Road safety audits
- Additional safety analysis and data collection
- Targeted equity assessments
- Follow-up stakeholder engagement

## Demonstration Activities

- Feasibility studies using quick-build strategies
- Pilot programs for behavioral or operational activities
- Pilot programs for new technology
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Device (MUTCD) engineering studies



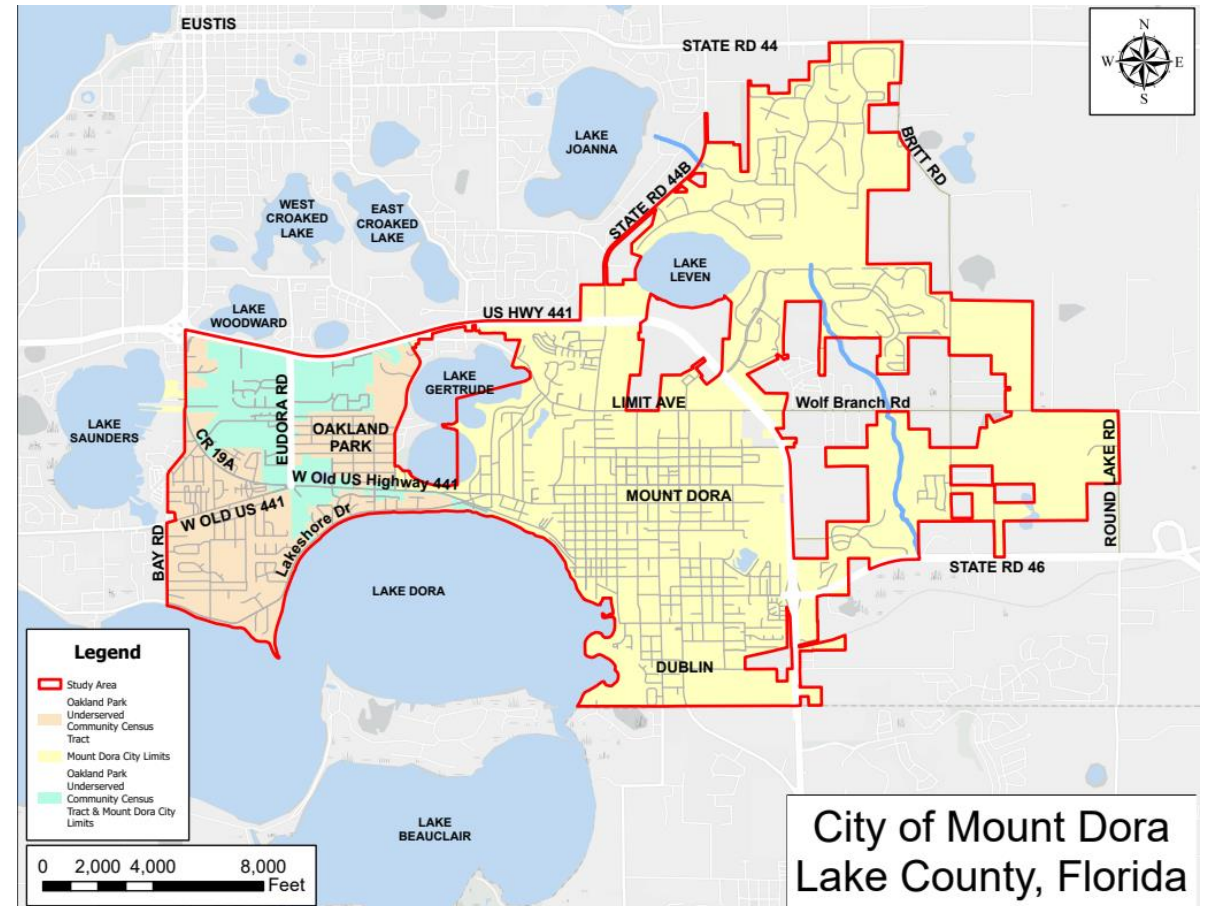


# City of Mount Dora, Florida: \$160,000 Action Plan

The award will be used for the City of Mount Dora to develop a **Comprehensive Safety Action Plan** in their community.

Mount Dora overview:

- 16,341 total jurisdiction population
- 67 traffic fatalities from 2016-2020
- 39% underserved population





# Implementation Grants

- Implementation Grants applications must fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address a roadway safety problem.
- Infrastructure, behavioral, and operational safety activities are all eligible.
- Applicants must have a qualifying Action Plan in place to apply for Implementation Grants.
- Implementation applications may also include supplemental planning and demonstration activities.



Source: FHWA

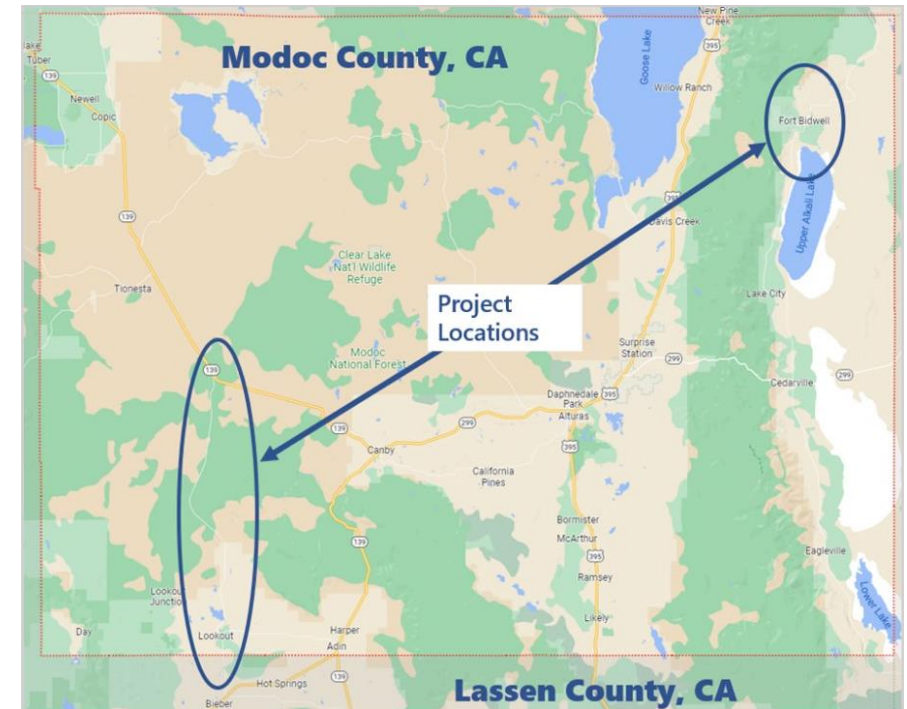


# Modoc County, California: \$12,954,400 Implementation

This project will improve safety along two corridors in **rural disadvantaged communities and Tribal areas** that have Modoc County's most dangerous crash history: County Road 91 and County Road 1.

## Project Highlights:

- Implement **bicycle lanes**, pedestrian **crosswalks**, **speed control**, and **infrastructure features for persons with disabilities**.
- Update crash data to include the most recent 10-year period to help **validate data sets** and **show the effectiveness** of the safety improvements.
- **Partnership** between Modoc County, the Town of Fort Bidwell, the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation, and neighboring Lassen County.



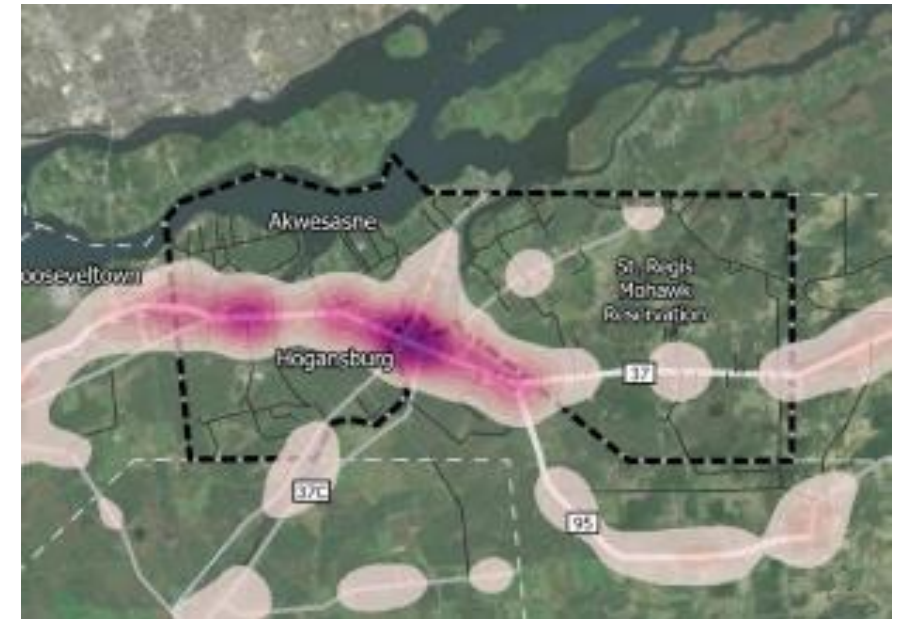


# St. Regis Mohawk Tribe: \$10,235,200 Implementation

This project will improve motorist safety on the Route 37 corridor by **reconfiguring** approximately 4.2 miles of road to include a two-way left-turn lane. Route 37 is the primary thoroughfare in Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe territory, which is a **Tribal reservation** in Northern New York State.

The project includes:

- Widen roadway to accommodate a 16-foot-wide **two-way left-turn lane** in each direction
- Add a **5-foot shoulder** to each side
- Over the last 5 years, there were **over 800 crashes** with 21 involving significant injury or death





# Webinars and Resources

# SS4A Webinars for Potential Applicants

The Safe Streets and Roads for All Program will convene three stakeholder webinars to help potential applicants learn about the program and what they need to know to prepare an application.

- **Wednesday, April 26: Action Plans**
- **Thursday, April 27: Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities**
- **Tuesday, May 2: Implementation Grants**

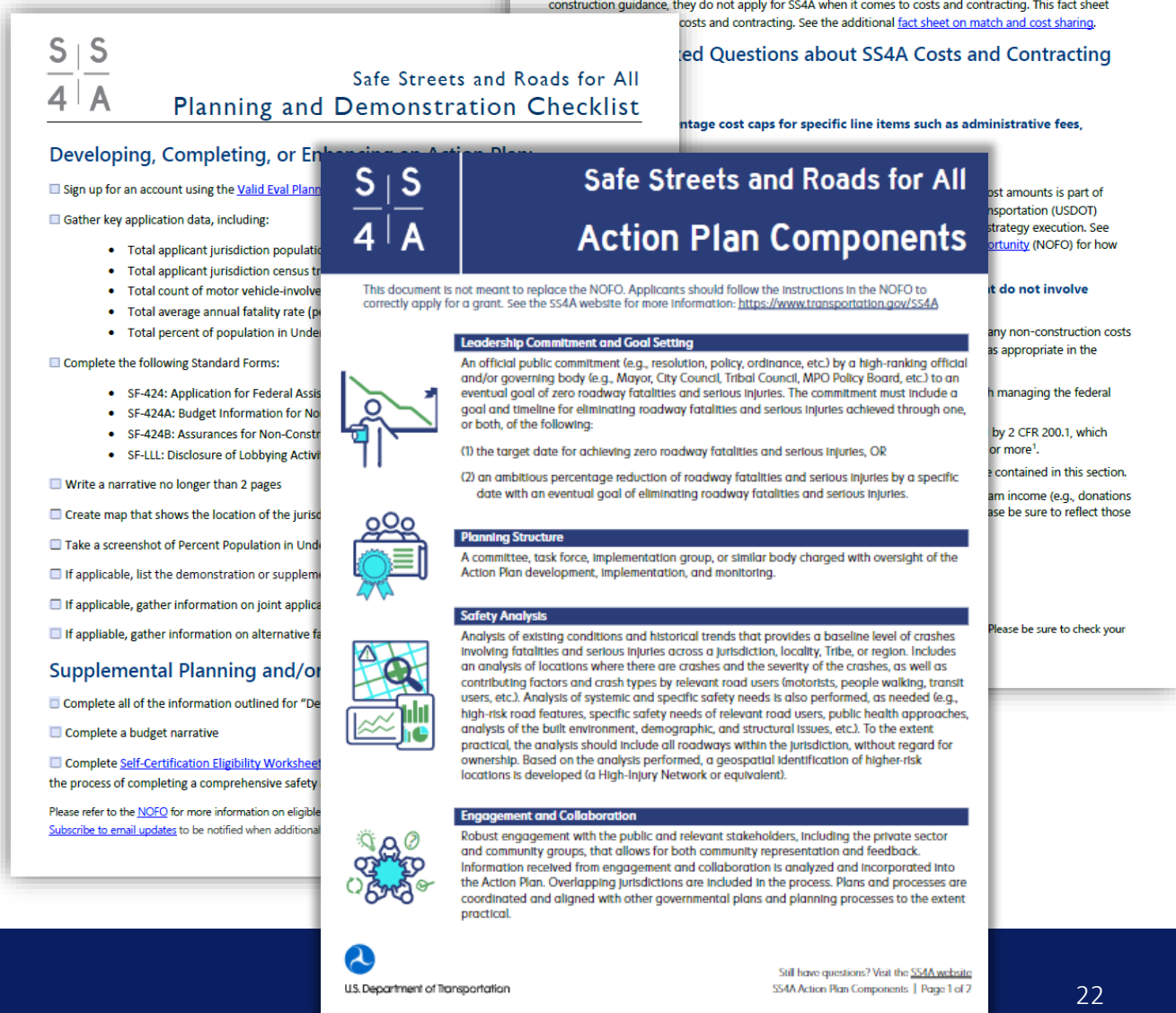
[Visit the SS4A Webinar Series page](#)



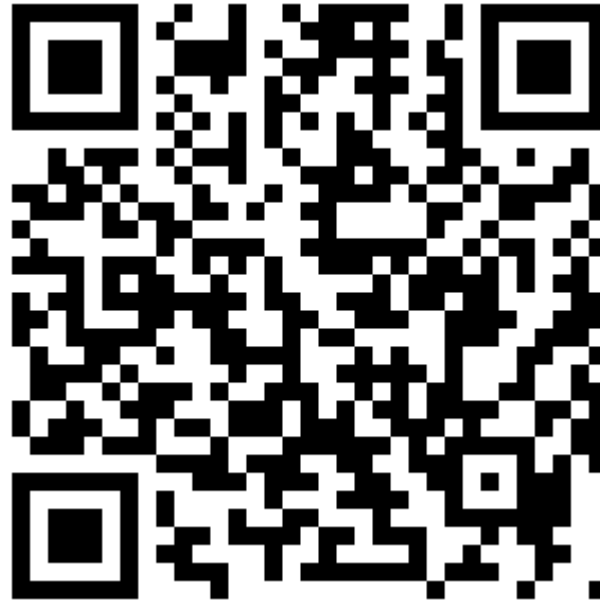


# Application Aids

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



[Visit the SS4A website for more information](#)



# Q&A



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# Key Active and Upcoming NOFOs



Program	FY23 NOFO	FY23 Funding	Rural Set-Aside	Rural Definition	Eligible Applicants					
					State	MPO	Local	Tribe	PA	Other
<a href="#">Port Infrastructure Development Program</a>	OPEN TO 04/28/2023	\$662 Million	n/a	n/a	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">United States Marine Highways Program</a>	OPEN TO 04/28/2023	\$12.4 Million	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP)</a>	OPEN TO 05/17/2023	\$15 Million	n/a	n/a			✓	✓		
<a href="#">Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for Tribes</a>	OPEN TO 05/19/2023	\$1 Million	n/a	n/a				✓		
<a href="#">Charging &amp; Fueling Infrastructure</a>	OPEN TO 05/30/2023	\$700 Million	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Safe Streets and Roads for All</a>	OPEN TO 07/10/2023	\$1.178 Billion	n/a	Outside UA >200k		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Wildlife Crossings Pilot</a>	OPEN TO 08/01/2023	\$111.85 Million	60%	Outside UA > 50k	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">PROTECT</a>	OPEN TO 08/18/2023	\$848 Million	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">MPDG (INFRA, Mega, &amp; Rural)</a>	Spring 2023	~\$2.8 Billion	30% (INFRA)	Outside UA >200k	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Please note schedule is approximate and subject to change**

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Note: This table does not include all BIL programs or eligible entities, and there are additional nuances not represented in this table. "PA" means a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function.

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