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Dear SMART Grantees,

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the 2024 SMART Grants Summit in Cambridge, MA. It was an information-packed two days, and I hope you all had the chance to connect with each other as well as the SMEs and experts that joined us. We will release a post-Summit report on our website in the coming months.

This is the July update email - You can find all past update emails on the [SMART website](#), and I will archive each of these there as well.



UPCOMING DATES & DEADLINES

- **Draft Implementation Reports** are due twelve (12) months from grant start date. Thank you to those of you who submitted on July 15th. The next due date for some recipients is August 1st. DIRs should be submitted **as Word Documents** to smartreports@dot.gov. Guidance for the Implementation Report (and the draft) can be found on the [SMART website](#).
- We are **cancelling** the **quarterly milestone progress report #4** due **July 30th** in favor of giving all grantees time to focus on their Draft Implementation Reports. **Federal Financial Report #4 is still due.** The next quarterly milestone report for FY22 and FY23 grantees will be October 30th, for the period ending September 30th. Feel free to report on events from April 1 – Sept 30th, since the previous report was cancelled.
- You can find all deadlines for your cohort on the '[Deadlines for FY22](#)' and '[Deadlines for FY23](#)' pages on the website.

RESOURCES FOR RECIPIENTS

We have added a new [SMART Budget Justification Template](#) to our website. Whether you are developing your budget justification for your initial grant agreement, or seeking a modification, this template will assist you in collecting the needed documentation.

STAGE 2 NOFO NOW OPEN

The FY 24 Stage 2 NOFO is now open. Full resources, FAQs, and more information can be found on the [Stage 2 pages](#) of the SMART Website. The recording for the 'How to Apply' webinar is [now available](#). We will also be updating our Stage 2 FAQs with additional information based on your questions.

Only FY22 Stage 1 grant recipients can apply to this NOFO. Questions are due to the inbox by July 29th at 5:00pm ET. The deadline is [5:00pm ET on August 14th](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Post-Crash Care Summit: Registration is now open for the August 6 [virtual](#) Post-Crash Care Summit sponsored by the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The goal of the meeting is to identify and describe best practices and promising approaches in post-crash care with collaboration between highway safety

partners, EMS, and 911. EMS is often a forgotten layer in the Safe System Approach but it's a critical component. Register now to attend all or parts of the day: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=804893&>.

At the Summit, Kim Higgins from **USDOT Technical Assistance** mentioned an upcoming webinar series on telling stories with data. [Register for the webinar series here.](#)

- **Part 1 of the webinar series will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 3:00 PM ET.** The webinar will focus on how to identify and describe a project and its goals, identify users of the infrastructure or system, and determine the project's impact area.
- **Part 2 of the webinar series will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 3:00 PM ET.** The webinar will introduce participants to DOT's Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer tool and provide detailed information on how to use the tool to map a project area, identify how a community is experiencing disadvantage, and evaluate project benefits to a community.
- Recordings will be posted on [DOT Navigator](#)

For those who did not attend the Summit, I have attached Kim's presentation. It is packed full of resources, links, and additional programs that may be relevant as you seek additional funding, navigate receiving federal funds, and develop aspects of your project.

Wishing you all a safe and fun summer. As usual, do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Best,

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