



Safe Streets and Roads for All What's New in 2026?

The [fiscal year \(FY\) 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program has some significant differences from previous SS4A NOFOs. Key updates are included below.

General

- The NOFO is posted on Grants.gov, but **the application process will again be through Valid Eval**. The links below can be used to access the applications in Valid Eval.
 - [Planning and Demonstration Application Link](#)
 - [Implementation Application Link](#)
- The NOFO includes one deadline: **May 26, 2026**. This is a 60-day application window.
- In February 2026, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (H.R. 7148). H.R. 7148 requires that **a minimum of 30 percent, rather than the original 40 percent, of FY 2026 SS4A funds must be awarded to develop an Action Plan**, including supplemental planning to update an existing Action Plan or demonstration activities to inform the development or update of an Action Plan.
- DOT is placing a priority on Public Safety Infrastructure.
 - Section B. Definitions. Clarifying information is added regarding Public Safety Infrastructure for post-crash care, emergency response coordination, and prehospital blood transfusion activities.
- Section C.1. Eligible Applicants. Language was added to allow FY 2026 Projects of Merit that are not awarded to be carried forward for consideration under a future SS4A NOFO, subject to availability of appropriations and specific funding requirements
- Section G. Application Review Information. Language was added noting that if DOT does not receive enough merit-worthy applications for Planning and Demonstration Grants to award the 30 percent set aside requirement, surplus funds may be redirected toward merit-worthy Implementation Grants.
- Considerations that the Senior Review Team may use for advancing applications for both grant types have been consolidated in Section G.2.iv.
- Language has been added throughout the NOFO highlighting new Executive Orders and DOT Orders.

Planning and Demonstration Grants

- Section G.2.ii contains updated Planning and Demonstration Selection Criteria and Award Considerations to include clearer information regarding how SS4A applications will be assessed.

Implementation Grants

- Section G.1.ii. contains updated Project Readiness considerations, including whether the application is reasonably expected to begin any construction-related projects in a timely manner.
- Section G.1.ii contains updated Implementation Grant Selection Criteria and Award Considerations to include clearer information regarding how all SS4A applications will be assessed.