



USDOT Discretionary Grants Update

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Transportation has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program (SS4A). There are three Planning and Demonstration Grant application deadlines, as summarized to the right. Implementation grant applications are due at 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

The program aims to improve roadway safety by significantly **reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries** through safety action plan development, and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.

This program was authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and will provide approximately \$1.25 billion in funding for selected planning and projects this year. This update summarizes the grant opportunity. The NOFO is posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Safe Streets and Roads for All Program Objectives

The grant program seeks to prioritize project proposals that do the following:

- Promote safety
- Employ low-cost, high-impact strategies that can improve safety over a wider geographic area
- Ensure equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved communities, which includes both underserved urban and rural communities
- Incorporate evidence-based project solutions and strategies
- Align with USDOT mission and strategic goals such as safety; climate change and sustainability; equity and Justice40; and workforce development, job quality and wealth creation
- Demonstrate engagement with a variety of public and private stakeholders

Eligible recipients include:

- Metropolitan planning organization (MPO)
- Political subdivision of a state or territory
- Federally recognized Tribal government
- Regional joint multijurisdictional application



APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Planning and Demonstration Grants:

Thursday
April 4, 2024
5:00 p.m. EDT

Thursday
May 16, 2024
5:00 p.m. EDT

Thursday
August 29, 2024
5:00 p.m. EDT

Implementation Grants:

Thursday
May 16, 2024
5:00 p.m. EDT



Differences Between FY23 and FY24 NOFO

PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION GRANT CHANGES

- Applicant may reapply if not selected as long as the application is received by the last Planning and Demonstration Grant deadline.
- Permits up to three pages of narrative to respond to the Additional Safety Context selection criterion if the funding requested is over \$1 million.
- Additional Safety Context selection criterion was modified for applications with demonstration activities.
- New award selection consideration for applicants that have a fatality rate of 17.0 fatalities per 100,000 persons or greater.

IMPLEMENTATION GRANT CHANGES

- Requires funds for project or strategy-level planning, design, and development activities to be directly connected to the completion of projects and strategies funded through an Implementation Grant.
- Allows pre-application submission and review of a potential applicant's Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet to affirm eligibility. Must be received by April 17.
- Permits up to two additional pages for an application's narrative to respond to the selection criterion.
- Minor modifications to the selection criteria.
- New award selection considerations for applicants with a finalized comprehensive safety action plan and applicants with a killed and serious injury per \$1 million in Federal funding rate that is high compared to other highly rated applications.



Available Grants

The SS4A FY 2024 NOFO provides funding for two types of grant programs:

Planning and Demonstration Grant: Focused on developing a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribe or region.

Implementation grants: Focused on implementing strategies that are consistent with an existing Action Plan. An eligible applicant must have a qualifying Action Plan.

Eligible applicants may only submit one application for funding for either a Planning and Demonstration or Implementation grant.

PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION GRANT

Planning and Demonstration Grant must include the following eight components:

1. Leadership commitment and goal setting
2. Planning structure
3. Safety analysis
4. Engagement and collaboration
5. Equity consideration
6. Policy and process changes
7. Strategy and project selection
8. Progress and transparency

Selection criteria for Planning and Demonstration Grants includes 1) safety impact, 2) equity and 3) additional safety considerations. In addition, USDOT will evaluate project cost.

Award Range: Minimum amounts for Planning and Demonstration Grants are \$100,000, with a maximum grant of up to \$10 million.

Planning and Demonstration Grant application narratives must be no longer than 2 pages if requesting less than \$1,000,000. If requesting \$1,000,000 or more, the narrative must be no longer than 3 pages. A benefit-cost analysis is not required. Planning and Demonstration Grants will need to be submitted via the [Valid Eval website](#).

IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Implementation Grants fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems. Funding also supports supplemental planning and demonstration activities as well as planning, design and development activities identified in an Action Plan.

Applicants must identify the problems to be addressed, the relevant geographic locations, and the project solutions and strategies they plan to implement, based on their Action Plan or other established plan.

There are five main selection criteria for Implementation Grants:

1. Safety Impact
2. Equity, engagement and collaboration
3. Effective practices and strategies
4. Other USDOT strategic goals
5. Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities (only if applying for supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities)

Award Range: Implementation Grants will have a minimum award of \$2.5 million and a maximum award of \$25 million.

The Implementation Grant narrative may not exceed 12 pages in length. Cover pages, table of contents, Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheets, and budget sections do not count toward the 12-page limit. Grant applications that include supplemental planning and demonstration activities may submit up to 2 additional pages (14 pages total). A benefit-cost analysis is not required. Implementation Grants will need to be submitted via the [Valid Eval website](#).

HDR's Infrastructure Finance and grant writing professionals stand by ready to support project sponsors applying for funding from the SS4A program.

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