



## USDOT Discretionary Grants Opportunity

# Safe Streets and Roads for All 2022 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). The deadline for SS4A grant applications is September 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm ET.

The program aims to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action planning 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 recently authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and will provide \$1 billion in funding for selected planning and projects this year.** This update summarizes the grant opportunity.

## 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 the USDOT mission and priorities such as equity, climate change and sustainability, quality job creation, and economic strength and global competitiveness

Eligible projects must be able to complete the full scope of funded projects within the timeframes specified in the grant agreement.

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### Eligible recipients include:

- political subdivisions of a state (including cities and counties)
- federally recognized tribal governments
- metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs)
- a regional joint multijurisdictional application

State governments, including state departments of transportation, are not eligible for this grant program.

### Available Grants

The program supports two types of grants:

**I. Action Plan grants** - focused on developing a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, tribe, or region.

**II. Implementation grants** - funds projects and strategies identified in an existing Action Plan that address a roadway safety problem.

Eligible applicants may only submit one application for funding, for either an Action Plan or Implementation grant.



## I. Action Plan Grants

Action Plans qualifying for a 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 Action Plan grants include 1) safety impact, 2) equity and 3) additional safety considerations. In addition, USDOT will also evaluate project cost.

Minimum grants for Action Plans are \$200,000, with a maximum grant of up to \$2 million for a political subdivision of a state or a federally recognized tribal government, and up to \$5 million for MPOs or a regional joint multijurisdictional application.

The Action Plan grant application narrative may not exceed 300 words. A benefit-cost analysis is not required.



## II. Implementation Grants

Implementation grants support roadway safety projects consistent with an existing Action Plan. Implementation grants also seek to fund associated planning and design activities in support of an existing Action Plan. Applicants must have an existing Action Plan, or may self-certify that existing, adopted plans meet the eligibility requirements.

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 four main selection criteria for Implementation Grants:**

1. Safety impact
2. Equity, engagement, and collaboration
3. Effective practices and strategies
4. Climate change and economic competitiveness
5. Grant reviewers will also consider project readiness, and funds for underserved communities

### **Grant awards for Implementation range between:**

- Minimum of \$5 million, up to a maximum of \$30 million, for grants to a political subdivision of a state
- Minimum of \$3 million, up to a maximum of \$30 million, for grants to rural areas or a federally recognized tribal government
- Minimum of \$5 million, up to maximum of \$50 million, for grants to MPOs or a regional joint multijurisdictional application

The Implementation grant application narrative may not exceed 10 pages. A BCA is not required.

**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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