

GRANT ALERT

July 25, 2022

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

DEADLINE	PROGRAM NAME & LINK
<p>Thursday, September 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. EST</p> <p><i>(Applicants must complete the Grants.gov registration process before submitting the final application; the process usually takes 2-4 weeks to complete.)</i></p>	<p>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program US Department of Transportation</p>
DESCRIPTION	
<p>This is a new program that provides discretionary grants to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, personal conveyance, micro-mobility users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators. The grants fall under two categories: Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants.</p> <p>What's New this Round? N/A. This is the first funding round for SS4A.</p>	
ELIGIBILITY	
<p style="text-align: center;">Applicants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). • Counties, cities, towns, and transit agencies or other special districts that are subdivisions of a state. • Federally recognized tribal governments • Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above entities. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Projects</p> <p>Action Plan Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan). • Eligible activities: Those that directly assist in the development of the Action Plan and/or supplemental action plan activities in support of an existing Action Plan or plans. <p>Implementation Grants</p> <p>Applicants for Implementation Grants must have a qualifying Action Plan or self-certify that they have in place one or more plans that together are substantially similar to and meet the eligibility requirements for an Action Plan. Eligible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.

- Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan. Supplemental action plan activities must be either infrastructure, behavioral, or operational activities identified in the Action Plan, and must be directly related to addressing the safety problem(s) identified in the application and Action Plan.

FUNDING

General

\$1 billion to be awarded for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022; USDOT expects to award 40% of the available funding to Action Plan Grants, and up to 100 Implementation Grants. No more than 15% of funds may go toward any one state in any given year.

Cost-Sharing

The federal share of an SS4A grant may not exceed 80% of total eligible activity costs. Recipients are required to contribute a local matching share of no less than 20% of eligible activity costs. All local matching funds must be from non-federal sources.

Action Plan Grants

- Expected minimum award of \$200,000 per applicant.
- Maximum of \$1,000,000 award for a political subdivision of a state or a federally recognized tribal government.
- Maximum of \$5,000,000 for an MPO or a joint application comprised of a multijurisdictional group of entities that is regional in scope (e.g., a multijurisdictional group of counties, a council of governments, and cities).

Implementation Grants

- For political subdivisions of a state, awards are expected to range from \$5,000,000 to \$30,000,000.
- For federally recognized tribal governments or applicants in rural areas, awards are expected to range from \$3,000,000 to \$30,000,000.
- For MPOs or a joint application comprised of a multijurisdictional group of entities that is regional in scope, the maximum award is \$50,000,000.

APPLICATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

Action Plan Grants

Action Plans are comprised of these components:

- Leadership Commitment and Goal-Setting
- Planning Structure
- Safety Analysis
- Engagement and Collaboration
- Equity Considerations
- Policy and Process Changes
- Strategy and Project Selections
- Progress and Transparency

In fewer than 300 words, the Action Plan Grant narrative should respond to the Action Plan Grant Selection Criteria:

- Safety Impact
- Equity

Implementation Grants

Applications must identify the problems to be addressed, the relevant geographic locations, and the projects and strategies they plan to implement, based on their Action Plan or established plan. An applicant may wait to specify specific site locations and designs as long as the identified site locations and designs remain consistent with the intent of the award.

In fewer than 10 pages, the Implementation Grant application narrative should respond to the Implementation Grant Selection Criteria:

- Safety Impact
- Equity, Engagement and Collaboration
- Effective Practices and Strategies
- Climate Change and Economic Competitiveness

- Additional Safety Considerations
- Budget Costs

- Project Readiness
- Funds to Underserved Communities

PROJECT TIMEFRAME

USDOT expects to obligate SS4A award funding via a signed grant agreement between the USDOT and the recipient within 12 months after awards have been announced. The expected period of performance for Action Plan Grant agreements is between 12 and 24 months. All FFY 2022 SS4A funds must be expended within five years after the grant agreement is executed and USDOT obligates the funds.

PENNDOT ROLE

PennDOT Emphasis

PennDOT continues to promote the practices and tools that make the Commonwealth's transportation network safer and that help all roadway users become more responsible. A combined effort among all safety stakeholders and partners is necessary to continue reducing fatalities and move toward the zero-death aspirational transportation safety goal. Though PennDOT is not an eligible applicant, the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program offers the opportunity for PennDOT partners to create Safety Action Plans or to implement those plans.

PennDOT Support

Transportation Federal Funding Opportunities Resource Account:

RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov

PennDOT will consider providing support for regionally supported grant proposals as applicable. PennDOT support may include providing data and subject matter expertise as available and potentially a letter of support.

The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is September 1, 2022.