

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Office of the Under Secretary for Policy
<u>Application Deadline:</u> September 15, 2022	<u>Max Award:</u> \$50 million

Description

The purpose of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The program provides funding to develop the tools to help strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and save lives and is designed to meet the needs of diverse local, Tribal, and regional communities that differ dramatically in size, location, and experience administering Federal funding.

Eligible Recipients

1. A metropolitan planning organization (MPO)
2. A political subdivision of a State or territory
3. This includes cities, towns, counties, special districts, and similar units of local government. A transit district, authority, or public benefit corporation is eligible if it was created under State law.
4. A federally recognized Tribal government;
5. A multijurisdictional group of entities described in any of the aforementioned three types of entities

An eligible applicant for Implementation Grants must also meet at least one of these conditions: (1) have ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities over a roadway network; (2) have safety responsibilities that affect roadways; or (3) have agreement from the agency that has ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the roadway within the applicant's jurisdiction.

Matching Grant Requirements

20% matching grant required

Eligible Projects

The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants: Action Plan Grants (for comprehensive safety action plans) and Implementation Grants.

Action Plan Grants

Action Plan Grants provide Federal funds to eligible applicants to develop or complete an Action Plan, and may also fund supplemental Action Plan activities. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribe, or region. The primary deliverable is a publicly available Action Plan and should contain the following components: 1) Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting; 2) Planning Structure; 3) Safety Analysis; 4) Engagement and Collaboration; 5) Equity Considerations; 6) Policy and Process Changes; 7) Strategy and Project Selections; and 8) Progress and Transparency. Applicants may not apply to develop or complete an Action Plan and fund supplemental action plan activities in the current round of funding.

Implementation Grants

Implementation Grants fund projects and strategies that address roadway safety problems. Implementation Grants may also fund associated planning and design and supplemental Action Plan activities in support of an existing Action Plan. Applicants must have an existing Action Plan to apply for Implementation Grants or have an existing plan that is substantially similar and meets the eligibility requirements of an Action Plan. DOT has provided a 'Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet' in the Notice of Funding Opportunity for potential applicants to evaluate whether their existing plan is substantially similar to an Action Plan.

New or Existing Program

New program

Tips for Being Competitive

Successful grant applicants will demonstrate engagement with diverse stakeholders and seek to:

- 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 projects and strategies; and
- Align with the Department's mission and with priorities such as equity, climate and sustainability, quality job creation, and economic strength and global competitiveness.

Labor Requirements

The Department intends to use the SS4A grant program to support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union, and the incorporation of strong labor standards and workforce programs, in particular registered apprenticeships, joint labor-management programs, or other high-quality workforce training programs, including high-quality pre-apprenticeships tied to registered apprenticeships, in project planning stages and program delivery. Grant applications that incorporate such considerations support a strong economy and labor market.

Examples of Prior Award Recipients N/A

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Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions Registration links for upcoming webinars and recordings for past events can be found on the [SS4A Webinar Page](#).

- [“How to Apply for SS4A Grants: General Overview”](#): June 13, 1:00-3:00PM ET
- [“How to Apply for SS4A: Action Plan Grants”](#): June 15, 1:00-3:00PM ET
- [“How to Apply for SS4A: Implementation Grants”](#): June 23, 1:00-3:00PM ET

Types of Partners Required The Department strongly encourages such joint applications for Action Plan Grants, and for applicants who have never received Federal funding and can jointly apply with entities experienced executing DOT grants. Eligible applicants are encouraged to separately partner with States and other entities experienced with administering Federal grants to ensure effective administration of a grant award.

Total Allocation \$1 billion for FY2022

Link to Grant Opportunity

- [SS4A Program Homepage](#)
- [Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)