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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

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- → The <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u> (BIL)

 Signed into Law November 2021
- Established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program
- The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Roadway Safety Strategy and our goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach.
- The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Almost \$2 billion is still available for future funding rounds.
- Appropriated \$5 billion in funds over 5 years, 2022-2026.



The purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries

- Through safety action plan development and refinement
- Implementation focused on all users
- The program provides funding to develop the tools to help strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety

The following groups of applicants *are* eligible:

- Political subdivisions of a State, which includes counties, cities, towns, transit agencies, and other special districts.
- Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).
- Federally recognized Tribal governments.

https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/applicant-eligibility

The following applicants <u>are not</u> eligible:

- State-level agencies (e.g., State Departments of Transportation).
- Political subdivisions not created under the authority of State law.
- Nonprofit organizations, unless created under State law as a political subdivision with roadway safety and/or planning responsibilities equivalent to a political subdivision of a State.
- Private-sector entities.
- All other organizations or entities not listed under eligible applicants.

Grant Types

The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants.

Planning and Demonstration Grants

- Provides Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement an Action Plan. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribal area, or region.
- Planning and Demonstration Grants also fund supplemental planning activities in support of an Action Plan and demonstration activities in support of an Action Plan.
- SS4A requires an eligible Action Plan be in place before applying to implement projects and strategies.





Implementation Grants

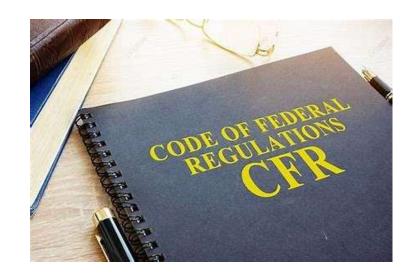
- Provides Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Eligible projects and strategies can be infrastructural, behavioral, and/or operational activities.
- Implementation Grants may also include <u>supplemental</u> <u>planning</u> and <u>demonstration activities</u> to inform an existing Action Plan, and project-level planning, design, and development activities.

Applicants must have an eligible <u>comprehensive safety action</u> <u>plan</u> (referred to as an "Action Plan") to apply for an Implementation Grant.

Code of Federal Regulations

2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

23 CFR Highways as applicable23 CFR Subchapters C (Civil Rights)and H (ROW)



Civil Rights and Title VI

- As a condition of a grant award, grant recipients should demonstrate that the recipient has a plan for compliance with civil rights obligations and nondiscrimination laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations (49 CFR § 21),
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- All other civil rights requirements, and accompanying regulations. This should include a current Title VI plan, completed Community Participation Plan, and a plan to address any legacy infrastructure or facilities that are not compliant with ADA standards

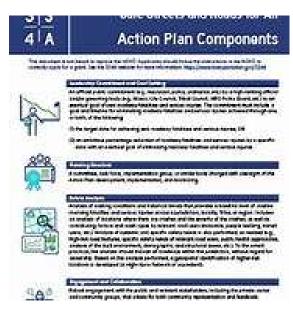
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)

- Funding recipients must comply with NEPA under 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq. and the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA implementing regulations at 40 CFR §§ 1500-1508, where applicable.
- Obligation of Federal funds for final design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and/or construction will not occur until NEPA approval is received.

Uniform Act

- 49 CFR PART 24—UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS
- To ensure that owners of real property to be acquired for Federal and federally assisted projects are treated fairly and consistently, to encourage and expedite acquisition by agreements with such owners, to minimize litigation and relieve congestion in the courts, and to promote public confidence in Federal and federally assisted land acquisition programs;
- To ensure that persons displaced as a direct result of Federal or federally assisted projects are treated fairly, consistently, and equitably so that such displaced persons will not suffer disproportionate injuries as a result of projects designed for the benefit of the public as a whole;
- To ensure that agencies implement the regulations in this part in a manner that is efficient and cost effective.

- SS4A is exclusively designed to help local communities. DOT offers extensive technical assistance to potential applicants, especially firsttime federal funding applicants.
- For more information, visit the SS4A website.



- SS4A helps applicants compete for funding based on merits, not technical capacity Applying for Federal discretionary grants is new for some communities—many of which may not have a team of grant writers on their staff.
- The SS4A program works with applicants throughout the evaluation process to ensure that they have complete and accurate information and are not disqualified due to an administrative error during the submission process.

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Truck Parking Sites by Type

Thank you!

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