

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program Fact Sheet and Guide

Fact Sheet

Agency: US. Department of Transportation

Category: Public Transportation

Overview: The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants aim to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries through regional, local, and Tribal safety initiatives. These grants are designed to create safer streets for all users—pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, motorists, micro-mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. SS4A offers two grant types: Planning and Demonstration Grants for developing and enhancing safety plans, and Implementation Grants for executing those plans.

FY26 Grant Funding: \$1 billion in SS4A funding is expected in FY26.

Number of Awards: TBD. For reference, 521 projects were awarded \$982 million in FY 2025 funding.

Match Requirements: A 20% match of total project costs is anticipated based on the [FY25 NOFO](#).

Key Dates: The FY26 NOFO is expected in March 2026. For reference, the FY25 NOFO was released on March 28, 2025 and closed on June 26, 2025.

Key Funding Criteria: Based on the [FY25 NOFO](#), applications for Planning and Demonstration Grants will be evaluated on the project's impact on safety and underserved communities. DOT will also use additional context provided in the grant narrative as part of its evaluation. Implementation Grants applications will be evaluated on the project's impact on safety need, safety impact, engagement and collaboration, and supplemental planning and demonstration activities. The [FY25 NOFO](#) includes detailed descriptions of each evaluation criterion.

Eligible Applicants: States, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), local governments, federally recognized Tribal governments, and multijurisdictional groups of the above organizations.

Eligible Activities: Per the [FY25 NOFO](#), eligible activities include:

- **Planning and Demonstration Grants:** Develop an Action Plan; conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan; and carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.
- **Implementation Grants:** In addition to the above eligible activities under Planning and Demonstration grants, Implementation grants must be used to execute projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.



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Comprehensive guide

The Local Infrastructure Hub has developed a [comprehensive guide](#) designed to help cities successfully navigate the USDOT's SS4A Program. The materials provide practical steps, examples, and tools to help cities plan, apply, and manage SS4A funding for surface transportation infrastructure projects.

Topics Covered

1. **[Grant Overview](#)**: Develop foundational understanding of the Safe Streets and Roads For All grant program structure and learn how to align project proposals with program priorities and strategic goals.
2. **[Incorporating Data](#)**: Gain exposure to use relevant datasets, metrics, and analytical tools to craft a compelling, evidence-based narrative.
3. **[Engaging the Community](#)**: Learn more about community engagement strategies, building partnerships, and ways to strengthen grant competitiveness.
4. **[Budgeting & Financial Management](#)**: Understand eligible expenses, explore local match expectations, and learn how to utilize templates that can help cities develop a compliant and strategically aligned project budget.
5. **[Writing and Packaging a Strong Grant](#)**: Learn to write a compelling narrative that meets grant criteria and elevates the project's urgency and alignment.
6. **[Access Tools & Resources](#)**: A curated list of templates, examples, and helpful references to support each step of your Safe Streets grant application process.

Explore more resources at <https://www.nlc.org/initiative/local-infrastructure-hub-initiative/>

The Local Infrastructure Hub was a US-focused, nationwide program that helped city leaders connect with resources and expert advice to access and implement federal infrastructure funding from July 2022 to March 2026. This resource was created in February 2026 and is intended to be used as a general guide to the Safe Streets grant program; consult each Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific guidance.



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