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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

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Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants

Key program that supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy

Funding supports local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, commonly referred to as "Vision Zero" or "Toward Zero Deaths" Initiatives.

$1 billion in annual funding, FY22-26

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The Safe System Approach (SSA): Principles

- Death/serious injury is unacceptable.
- Humans make mistakes.
- Humans are vulnerable.
- Responsibility is shared.
- Safety is proactive.
- Redundancy is crucial.

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Complete Streets

- Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. Those include people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are travelling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders.
- Visit https://highways.dot.gov/complete-streets for more information on Complete Streets.

Source: FHWA

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SS4A NOFO Is Now Open

Notice of Funding Opportunity is now **OPEN**

Submit technical questions by August 15, 2022

Apply by September 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. EDT (no late applications will be accepted)

Additional resources about SS4A and the NOFO can be found at
https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A

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SS4A Overview: Eligible Recipients

- Metropolitan planning organization (MPOs)
- Political subdivision of a State
  - *A unit of government under the authority of State law, including cities, towns, counties, special districts, and similar units of local government.*
  - *A transit district, authority, or public benefit corporation if it was created under State law, including transit authorities operated by political subdivisions of a State.*
- Federally recognized Tribal government
- Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the entities above

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SS4A Overview: Joint Applicants vs. Partners

- Joint applicants:
  - Are each independently eligible entities
  - Are each party to the grant
- Partners:
  - May include additional non-eligible entities (States, private companies, etc.)
  - Are not party to the grant
  - If an eligible applicant is a partner on an application (and not a joint applicant), being a partner on that application does not count as the one application for an eligible applicant.

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SS4A Overview: Funding

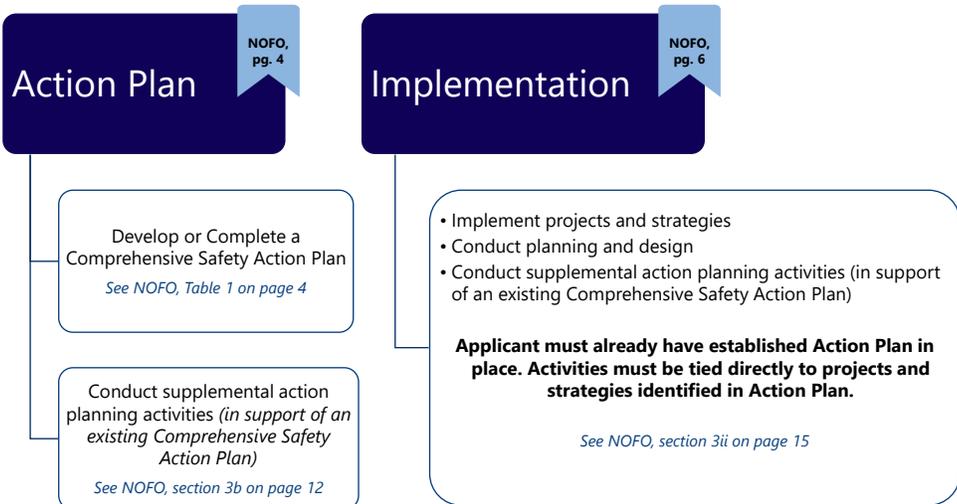NOFO, pg. 9

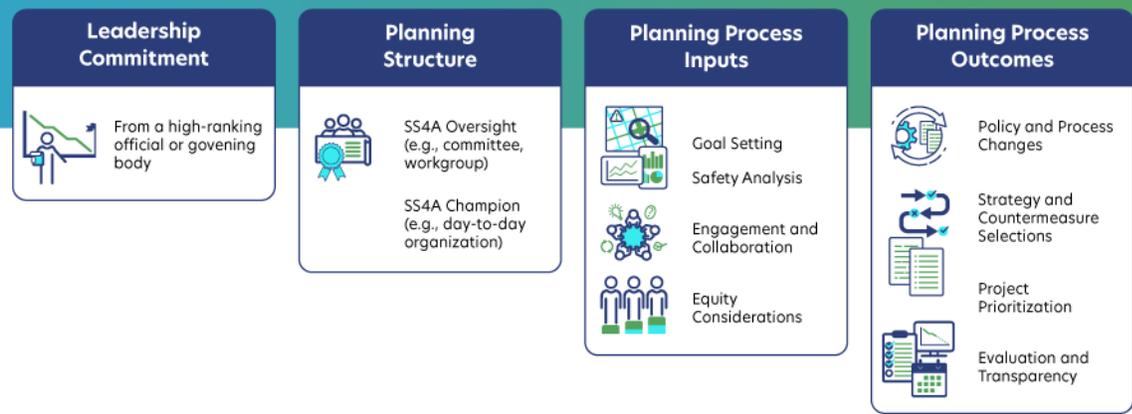| Grant Type	Political subdivision of a State	Federally recognized Tribal Government	MPO or joint application	Cost share/match
Expected Action Plan Grant Size	$200,000 - $1M	$200,000 - $1 million	$200,000 - $5M	• 80% Federal | 20% local match cost share • Not more than 15% of funds can be awarded to projects in a single State in a given fiscal year
Expected Implementation Grant Size	$5M - $30M	$3M - $30M *(also applies to rural applicants)*	$5M - $50M *($3M - $50M for rural applicants)*	• *Tribal projects are not considered part of the State cap* • *No set-aside for rural areas or other grantee categories*

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Grant Types

Action Plan — NOFO, pg. 4

- Develop or Complete a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
  See NOFO, Table 1 on page 4

- Conduct supplemental action planning activities *(in support of an existing Comprehensive Safety Action Plan)*
  See NOFO, section 3b on page 12

Implementation — NOFO, pg. 6

- Implement projects and strategies
- Conduct planning and design
- Conduct supplemental action planning activities (in support of an existing Comprehensive Safety Action Plan)

Applicant must already have established Action Plan in place. Activities must be tied directly to projects and strategies identified in Action Plan.

See NOFO, section 3ii on page 15

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Planning Grants

NOFO, pg. 4

Leadership Commitment
From a high-ranking official or govening body

Planning Structure
SS4A Oversight (e.g., committee, workgroup)

SS4A Champion (e.g., day-to-day organization)

Planning Process Inputs
Goal Setting

Safety Analysis

Engagement and Collaboration

Equity Considerations

Planning Process Outcomes
Policy and Process Changes

Strategy and Countermeasure Selections

Project Prioritization

Evaluation and Transparency

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Supplemental Planning Activities

- Additional or updated analysis;
- Expanded data collection and evaluation using integrated data;
- Feasibility studies using quick build strategies;
- Follow-up stakeholder engagement and collaboration;
- Targeted equity assessments;
- Progress report development; and
- Complementary planning efforts such as speed management plans, accessibility and transition plans, racial and health equity plans, and lighting management plans.
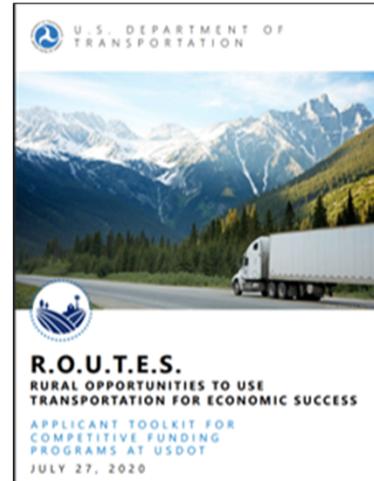

Source: Volpe

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Application Aids

- A series of checklists, planning worksheets, and fillable forms is available on the SS4A website to help guide applicants through the eligibility and application process.

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Federal Grants

- The R.O.U.T.E.S. grant applicant toolkit provides applicants with a roadmap and an overview of USDOT funding programs and opportunities.
- The toolkit includes specific tips on applying as a smaller applicant entity.
- The R.O.U.T.E.S. website hosts videos describing the toolkit and a PDF of the toolkit.
- www.transportation.gov/rural/grants/toolkit

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APPLICANT TOOLKIT FOR
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Implementation Grants

- Implementation Grants fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address a roadway safety problem.
- Applicants **must** have an established Action Plan to apply for Implementation Grants.

Source: FHWA

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Implementation Grants: Illustrative Activities

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Which Grant is Right for Your Community?

1 Do we have an existing Action Plan(s)?

Vision Zero Plan | Local Road Safety Plan | Tribal Transp. Safety Plan | Similar Safety Plan(s)

2 Does our existing Action Plan(s) have the necessary elements?

All **3** Required Elements | At least **4** of **6** Other Elements

3 Are we ready to implement items from our Action Plan?

Projects | Additional Planning & Analysis

Strategies

Apply for an **Action Plan Grant**

Apply for an **Implementation Grant**

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Application Details

- Final applications for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants must be submitted through Grants.gov.

- **Please be aware that you must complete the Grants.gov registration process before submitting the final application, and that this process usually takes 2-4 weeks to complete.** Applicants are encouraged to start the Grants.gov registration process now.

- Final applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 15, 2022**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make submissions in advance of the deadline.

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Unique Entity Identifiers

- All applicants will need to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through GSA to apply for grant opportunities in grants.gov.

- On April 4, the federal government stopped using Dun & Bradstreet's proprietary Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) to identify contractors and grantees and began exclusively using the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

- **The process of obtaining a UEI can take up to a month, so applicants are encouraged to apply for the UEI now. If you previously had a DUNS number, your UEI has already been created and is available to view in SAM.gov.**

- For more information, see https://sam.gov/content/home.

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Grants.gov

- Grants.gov also provides resources for applicants, including:
  - Grants 101 related materials on the overall discretionary funding process
  - Applicant training for using the Grants.gov application process

More information can be found at: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants.html

Source: NHTSA

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Safety Data Resources

FHWA Safety	FARS queries via FIRST	EPA EJ Screen
STSI	NEMSIS	Census
	CDC Health Equity	

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Friendly Advice and Reminders

- The SS4A program will consider one application per applicant, and applicants may only apply to one type of grant.
- Applicants must have an eligible Action plan in place to apply for an Implementation grant.
- The SS4A Program will not review or certify substantially similar plans to determine eligibility for Implementation Grants.
- Multiple Action Plan Grant applications that cover the same geographic area for an Action plan will be flagged as potentially duplicative and may not be funded.
- DOT encourages joint applications and partnerships.

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SS4A Website

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