



GRANT ALERT

April 1, 2025

DEADLINES	PROGRAM NAME & LINK
<p><b>Thursday, June 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m. EST</b></p> <p><i>Please see the <b>Project Timeframe</b> section for more information</i></p> <p><i>(Applications must be submitted via Valid Eval.)</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program   US Department of Transportation</a></p>
DESCRIPTION	
<p>The program provides competitive 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 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.</p> <p><b>What’s New this Round?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NOFO includes one application deadline of June 26, 2025.</li> <li>• Underserved Community will use the same definition as Areas of Persistent Poverty for purposes of this NOFO. See Section B for more information.</li> <li>• The maximum expected award for Planning and Demonstration Grants changed from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000.</li> <li>• Section C.3.iii contains updated Action Plan requirements for Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants requesting funds to conduct supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities only.</li> <li>• Section C.4.i states that applicants may use no more than three plans to meet the Action Plan requirement.</li> <li>• Section C.4.i.b contains updated Action Plan requirements for Implementation Grant award recipients.</li> <li>• Section D.2.i Table 1: Action Plan Components has been updated.</li> <li>• Section G.1.ii contains updated Implementation Grant selection criteria.</li> <li>• References to rescinded Executive Orders and priorities from the previous administration have been removed.</li> </ul>	
ELIGIBILITY	
<p><b>Applicants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Projects</b></p> <p><b>Planning and Demonstration Grants</b></p>

- Political subdivision of a State or territory
- Federally recognized Tribal government
- Multijurisdictional group of entities described in any of the aforementioned three types of entities.

An eligible applicant for an Implementation Grant must also meet at least one of the below conditions:

- Have ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities over a roadway network
- Have safety responsibilities that affect roadways
- Have agreement from the agency that has ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the roadway within the applicant’s jurisdiction.

- Three activity types:
  - Develop an Action Plan
  - Conduct supplemental planning to update an existing Action Plan
  - Carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.
- The three different types of activities can either be bundled together into one application, or an applicant may choose to request funding for only one of the activities. Applicants may only apply for a single grant type, but both grant types have the option to include Planning and Demonstration projects under them. The development of, or updates to, an Action Plan must be the intended result of each supplemental planning and demonstration activity.

**Implementation Grants**

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.

Eligible activities:

- Funding of projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that addresses roadway safety problems.
- Funding supplemental planning and demonstration activities as well as planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

**FUNDING**

**General**

- Up to \$982,260,494 billion to be awarded for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025
- \$580,000,000 available for Implementation Grants
  - Expected number of awards: 40 to 70
  - Expected funding range: \$2,500,000 to \$25,000,000
- \$402,260,494 available for Planning and Demonstration Grants
  - Expected number of awards: 400 to 700

**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.

In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.306, grant recipients may use in-kind or cash contributions toward local match requirements. Any in-kind

- Expected funding range: \$100,000 to \$5,000,000
- Not more than 15 percent of the \$1 billion in FY 2025 funds made available to carry out the SS4A program may be awarded to eligible applicants in a single State.
- A minimum of 40% of the total funds made available in FY 2025 must be awarded for developing an Action Plan, including supplemental planning to update an existing Action Plan, or demonstration activities to inform the development or update of an Action Plan.
- The Department reserves the right to make more, or fewer, awards.
- USDOT reserves the discretion to alter minimum and maximum award sizes upon receiving the full pool of applications and assessing the needs of the program in relation to the SS4A grant priorities.
- DOT may increase the overall amount of funding if additional funds become available.

- contributions used to fulfill the cost-share requirement for both Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants must:
- Be in accordance with the cost principles in 2 CFR § 200 Subpart E;
  - Include documented evidence of completion within the period of performance; and
  - Support execution of eligible activities

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Planning and Demonstration Grants**

Selection Criteria:

1. Safety Impact
2. Underserved Communities
3. Additional Safety Context

Additional Considerations:

- Budget costs

Award Considerations:

- High Fatality Rates – To prioritize areas with the highest fatality rates, the Department may prioritize SS4A Planning and Demonstration Grant applications with a quantitative fatality rate of 17.5 fatalities per 100,000 persons or greater.
- No prior SS4A funding.

**Implementation Grants**

Merit Criteria:

- Safety Need
- Safety Impact
- Engagement and Collaboration
- Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities

Additional Considerations:

- Project Readiness

Award Considerations:

- Whether the applicant received SS4A funds in a previous grant round to develop or update an Action Plan.
- The percentage of Implementation Grant funds that will be spent in, and provide safety benefits to, locations in Census tracts designated as underserved communities as defined by this NOFO.
- Whether the applicant is in a rural area.
- Whether the applicant would enhance the geographic diversity of Implementation Grant award recipients.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department intends to apply principles from the DOT Order, Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in DOT’s Policies, Programs and Activities when evaluating applications and making award selections.</li> <li>• Whether the applicant included infrastructure reducing lane capacity for vehicles or reducing access for emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles, and vehicles serving the disabled. These applications would be viewed less favorably by the Department.</li> <li>• Federal funding requests for project and strategy activities totaling \$10 million or less.</li> <li>• Whether the applicant has a finalized Action Plan that includes all components in Table 1 by June 26, 2025.</li> <li>• Whether the applicant has a Killed and Serious Injuries per \$1 million in Federal funding rate that is high compared to other Highly Rated applications.</li> </ul>
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## PROJECT TIMEFRAME

USDOT expects to obligate award funding via a signed grant agreement between the USDOT and the recipient, as flexibly and expeditiously as possible, within 12 months after awards have been announced. In support of award recipients with less familiarity with administering a Federal grant, the Department established a SS4A Technical Assistance Center to assist award recipients with Federal requirements. Applicants who have never received Federal funding from DOT are also encouraged to partner with eligible applicants within the same region, such as an MPO, that have established financial relationships with DOT and knowledge of Federal grant administration requirements.

The expected period of performance for Planning and Demonstration Grant agreements is between 12 months and 5 years, depending on the scope and extent of the grant activities. The period of performance for Planning and Demonstration Grant and Implementation Grant agreements may not exceed five years.

**Additional Deadlines:**

- Technical questions must be submitted by 5:00 PM (EDT) on May 29, 2025.
- re-application eligibility review requests must be submitted for Implementation Grants by 5:00 PM (EDT) on May 9, 2025.

## PENNDOT ROLE

<p><b>PennDOT Emphasis</b></p> <p>PennDOT continues to promote the practices and tools that make the Commonwealth’s transportation network safer</p>	<p><b>PennDOT Support</b></p>
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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. Applicants might consider referring to the PennDOT Active Transportation Plan and Highway Safety Plans in their grant applications to reinforce recommendations in their Action Plans.

Transportation Federal Funding Opportunities  
Resource Account:

[RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov)

PennDOT will consider providing technical support for regionally supported grant proposals as applicable (if State owned roadways are included). 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 June 12, 2025**