

Safe Routes to School FY26 - Application now available!

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AT Tally Sheet - Fillable Form.pdf; Flexible Match UDOT Guidelines.pdf; Funding Application Guidance.pdf; UDOT SRTS Application FY26 - Fillable Form.pdf; UDOT SRTS Engineers Estimate Form FY26.xlsx;

To whom it may concern:

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is soliciting applications for the next funding cycle, (fiscal year 2026) for both SRTS infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects.

All projects utilize federal funds and MUST follow the federal project delivery guidelines. There is a 6.77% local match for all projects. Work must be performed in the fiscal year the funding is available. If you have any questions please let me know.

The application and workshop schedule is as follows:

- November 6, 2023 - Call for applications
- Local UDOT Region Workshops (**Note: You do not need to wait until workshops to ask questions. You can attend any workshop. Virtual option available upon request.**)
 - Region 1 – 10:00 AM – November 29, 2023 - 166 W Southwell St., Ogden, UT 84404-4194 – Large Conference Room
 - Region 2 – 2:00 PM – November 30, 2023 - 2010 South 2760 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84104 – Hurley Conference Room
 - Region 3 – 10:30 AM - October 6, 2023 - 658 N 1500 W, Orem, Utah 84057 – Conference Room A
 - Region 4 – 10:00 AM - October 11, 2023 - 210 West 800 South, Richfield, UT 84701 – Pahvant Conference Room
- December 15, 2023 - Applications due to UDOT by 5:00 PM (See the last page of this application or review guide for submittal process)
- December 29, 2023 - Applications distributed to Advisory Committee for review and scoring
- January 18, 2024 - Advisory Committee meets to select projects
- February 2, 2024 - Applicants notified of grant award

Any public elementary, middle, junior high, or public charter, or school district serving children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade, recognized by the Department of Education, may participate in a SRTS project. In addition, organizations, such as state, regional, or local agencies, may act on behalf of the participating school(s). *The applicant must be the Primary Sponsor and owner of the property on which the proposed project is located, and have applicable right-of-way and utility information available. Funding will not be awarded to an agency that does not own the right-of-way within which the project will be constructed.*

Infrastructure projects should directly support increased safety and convenience for school children to bicycle and/or walk to and from school. Projects must be within 2 miles of the participating school(s)

and, applications must provide a current Safe Routes Utah Plan of the school's walking boundaries, clearly identifying the safest walking routes. However, the committee recognizes that the proposed project route may not be the current identified safe route for students to travel which is why you are applying for funding. But the committee would like to see how the proposed project would improve the existing plan. For more information about the Safe Routes Utah Plans, see <https://saferoutes.utah.gov/>.

As a general recommendation, the Safe Routes to School Grant is competitive. The Advisory Committee scores projects higher based on, but not limited to, some of the following criteria and should be considered but are not requirements:

- Comes from community grass roots efforts that demonstrate a clear connection to the school which supports students walking or biking to and from school.
- New sidewalk as opposed to maintenance/repair projects.
- Has a good project cost to students served ratio(Although there is consideration for small communities with small populations).
- Lower income communities.
- Has a higher community match contribution to the project.
- Is not the future site of new and known upcoming development.
- Clearly identifies an existing safety concern(Collision history, auto volume/speed studies, pedestrian counts, parent testimonials, etc.) and shows that this project is the best method of improving conditions.
- Provides clear pictures of the proposed project site.
- etc.

To apply, see the attached documents or go to <https://www.udot.utah.gov/connect/business/public-entities/safe-routes-to-school-srts-program/>.

For more information or assistance, please contact Travis Evans at srtsgrant@utah.gov or 916-215-8722.

Thank you!