

John Galusha, Chairman  
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## HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVAL MEMORANDUM

**Date:** November 14, 2023  
**To:** Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Carl Young, County Administrator  
**Re:** Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant  
**Attachments:** Award Notice

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**Summary:** The County has been awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All (“SS4A”) Planning Grant from the US Department of Transportation and this is a request to accept that award. The total project cost is \$177,100 and if awarded the County would need to provide \$35,420 in matching funds. I have reached out to the Department of Local Affairs for assistance with some or all of the required matching funds.

### **Requested Motion/Action:**

Motion to accept the award of a Safe Streets for All Planning grant from the US Department of Transportation in the total amount of \$141,680 and authorize another \$35,420 in matching funds.

### **Grant Program:**

This is a federal grant from the US Department of Transportation and is authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. 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 and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, 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.

### **Our Project:**

The County’s project would develop a SS4A Action Plan. Our action plan would cover the USDOT requirements for these plans and make Huerfano County eligible for a future SS4A Implementation Plan. Our plan would include components around road maintenance and asset management as well as the baseline data analysis and community outreach to identify existing road hazards. The County, as a part of adopting this plan, will have to make an official commitment for an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

### **Alignment with County Objectives:**

This project aligns with County goals around infrastructure improvement.

### **Financial Considerations:**

This is a federal grant with an 80/20 cost split. The total project will cost \$177,100 of which \$141,680 will come from the US DOT and \$35,420 would be provided by Huerfano County.

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Signature of the Chair

Approved

Denied



Carl Young <cyoung@huerfano.us>

## SS4A FY23 Funds Awarded

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To: "cyoung@huerfano.us" <cyoung@huerfano.us>

Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 9:32 AM

To Whom It May Concern from Huerfano County,

The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Grant for Huerfano County, Colorado, for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, was selected for an award of \$ 141,680 in Federal funding. Congratulations! This includes funding to develop an Action Plan.

This email is not authorization to begin work, and it does not guarantee Federal funding. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Huerfano County UEI # DL84BCKRKZC7 must establish and execute a signed, mutually agreed upon grant agreement prior to the obligation of award funds.

**Immediate Next Steps:** USDOT made the public announcements related to the awards on October 27, 2023. See the press release here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/announcement>, and the award recipient list here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/2023-awards>. We published a short summary of the proposal from your application on our Safe Streets and Roads for All website as part of the public announcement, pursuant to Section H Part 2 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). If you need to correct what is provided on our website once you see it, please let me know by emailing [SS4A@dot.gov](mailto:SS4A@dot.gov). The website link is <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.

**What to Expect in the Next Few Weeks:** My colleagues at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are responsible for establishing and executing a SS4A grant agreement with Huerfano County. You can expect to hear from a FHWA representative with your State's FHWA Division Office in the near future. In the weeks ahead you will receive more information about next steps, including an invitation to a FHWA-sponsored webinar for grant recipients to describe the process leading to an executed grant agreement. The webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. In the meantime, **if you have questions about next steps, please direct them to FHWA using the email [SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov](mailto:SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov).**

Finally, we ask for your patience as we work diligently toward executing grant agreements so your important safety work may begin. FHWA staff will be working with hundreds of new grant recipients to expeditiously process new grant agreements, and this will take time.

It's exciting to see so many communities on the path to improving roadway safety, and the whole SS4A Program team is passionate about helping you succeed. Thank you for your commitment to roadway safety.

Paul

Paul D. Teicher

Grantor, Safe Streets and Roads for All

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