

(Municipality Name)

Memo - Partnering on Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant Opportunity
July 25, 2022

This Spring, the federal government announced a new grant opportunity called Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). This grant program will provide \$1 billion of total funding for municipalities and other eligible groups to apply for either money to create a transportation safety “Action Plan”, or to apply for money to implement safety-related transportation projects. Importantly, in order to apply for implementation grant funding, a municipality must first have an Action Plan (or similar) that includes all of the components listed in Table 1 on p. 4 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity, available here: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340385>

Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC) has recently led meetings bringing together our local municipalities to discuss this grant opportunity. As none of the municipalities in Tompkins County have an Action Plan that meets the requirements for applying for implementation funding under this grant, and as all of the local municipalities have transportation safety issues to solve, we have discussed creating a joint application for SS4A planning grant funding. The City of Ithaca has agreed to take the lead by being the “Lead Applicant” in the grant application. Other interested municipalities in Tompkins County would be “Joint Applicants”. Being an official “joint applicant” on the planning grant, assuming the grant is awarded and the Action Plan is created, would allow joint applicant municipalities to apply for SS4A implementation grant funding in future years of the grant, either alone or in partnership with other municipalities.

As Lead Applicant, the City of Ithaca will request approval from its Common Council to apply for the SS4A grant and to provide the funding for the entire Action Plan (it is currently estimated that the project cost will be approximately \$750,000 to create an Action Plan that meets all of the requirements for implementation funding, and which would provide analysis and solutions for both the region and for individual municipalities.) The grant would reimburse the City of Ithaca for 80% of the project cost; the local match is 20%. The 20% local match will be split between the City of Ithaca and all joint applicants *(list them here)*. The local match requirement of the *(Town/Village of _____)* would be *(\$XXXXX)*, to be reimbursed to the City of Ithaca upon project completion.

The grant application due date is September 15, 2022.