



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of May 18, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 6-G

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SUBJECT:

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide \$5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

Notice of Funding Opportunity coming in spring 2022

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is not yet posted. The NOFO is anticipated to be released in spring of 2022. Once the NOFO is posted, interested parties may apply for grants.

[Webinar presentations](#) are available to learn more about SS4A.

Award announcements are expected to be made by the end of calendar year 2022 or early 2023.

Eligible Recipients

- Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs);
- Counties, cities, towns, other special districts that are subdivisions of a State, and transit agencies;
- Federally recognized Tribal governments; and
- Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above entities.

Eligible activities

- Develop or update a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.
- Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

The development and establishment of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is a key component of this program. If you are interested in applying for funds to **develop a new [Comprehensive Safety Action Plan](#)**:

- Start identifying who your partners will be, such as government stakeholders (e.g., in transportation, planning, health, law enforcement), private-sector entities, and community groups.
- Consider how to engage community members, specifically those historically underrepresented in transportation decision-making.

Applicants seeking funding to **update or enhance an existing Comprehensive Safety Action Plan** could:

- Evaluate key elements that might be missing from your existing plan.
- Assemble the stakeholders, including community members in underrepresented areas, to assist.

Applicants seeking funding for projects and strategies identified in an **established Comprehensive Safety Action Plan** could:

- Begin considering which specific activities and projects would address their most pressing roadway safety issues.
- For potential projects, consider the extent to which additional planning and design is needed, and assess the applicability of laws such as the National Environmental Protection Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.