



U.S. DOT announces \$1 billion in funding available for IIJA local safety grants

This week the U.S. Department of Transportation published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for \$1 billion in competitive grants under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

[Click here for the program website](#), which includes links to a series of webinars and instructions for applicants.

The formal notice is [here](#) and includes information on eligible projects, activities, costs, and the selection criteria and priorities.

Eligible applicants are Metropolitan Planning Organizations, counties, cities, towns, and other special districts and subdivisions, and Tribal governments. States are not eligible to apply.

As outlined in the notice, the SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants: Action Plan Grants (for comprehensive safety action plans) and Implementation Grants. Action Plan Grants are used to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. Implementation Grants are available to implement strategies or projects that are consistent with an existing Action Plan. To apply for an

Implementation Grant, an eligible applicant must have a qualifying Action Plan. The [DOT program webpage](#) includes a list of examples of planning and implementation activities.

The notice indicates that U.S. DOT expects to award hundreds of Action Plan grants, with a minimum grant of \$200,000 per recipient and a maximum grant of \$1 million for cities and towns and \$5 million for MPOs and multi-jurisdictional applicants. U.S. DOT expects to award up to one hundred Implementation Grants, with a minimum grant of \$5 million and a maximum of \$30 million for cities and towns and \$50 million for MPOs. The federal cost share for projects is 80 percent, with a 20 percent non-federal matching requirement.

The deadline for applications is September 15. This is a new program for local governments and many entities with little-to-no experience with navigating the federal grant application and project delivery process. U.S. DOT will provide substantial technical assistance for prospective applicants, but this is also an area where A/E firms can help their clients.

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