

US Department of Transportation

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Grant Types

The program supports the development of a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan) that identifies the most significant roadway safety concerns in a community and the implementation of projects and strategies to address roadway safety issues. Action Plans are the foundation of the SS4A grant program. SS4A requires an eligible Action Plan be in place before applying to implement projects and strategies. The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants:

- **Planning and Demonstration Grants** provide Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribe, or region. Planning and Demonstration Grants also fund supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities that inform the development of a new or existing Action Plan. The Department encourages including demonstration activities in an application.
- **Implementation Grants** provide Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Projects and strategies can be infrastructure, behavioral, and/or operational activities. Implementation Grants may also include demonstration activities, supplemental planning, and project-level planning, design, and development. Applicants must have an eligible Action Plan to apply for Implementation Grants. The Department encourages including demonstration activities in an application.

Planning and Demonstration Grants

Action Plan Example Activities

Communities can use Planning and Demonstration Grants to develop or complete an Action Plan, conduct supplemental planning, and/or conduct demonstration activities that will inform the development of an Action Plan.

The comprehensive safety action plan that a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant funds includes the following key components:

- **Leadership commitment and goal setting** that includes a goal timeline for eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries.
- **Planning structure** through a committee, task force, implementation group, or similar body charged with oversight of the Action Plan development, implementation, and monitoring.
- **Safety analysis** of the existing conditions and historical trends that provides a baseline level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across a jurisdiction, locality, Tribe, or region.
- **Engagement and collaboration** with the public and relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and community groups, that allows for both community representation and feedback.
- **Equity** considerations developed through a plan using inclusive and representative processes.
- **Policy and process changes** that assess the current policies, plans, guidelines, and/or standards to identify opportunities to improve how processes prioritize transportation safety.
- **Strategy and project selections** that identify a comprehensive set of projects and strategies, shaped by data, the best available evidence and noteworthy practices, as well as stakeholder input and equity considerations, that will address the safety problems described in the Action Plan.
- **Progress and transparency methods** that measure progress over time after an Action Plan is developed or updated, including outcome data.