



Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary of Transportation

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USDOT FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding (SS4A)

FINAL DEADLINE

- **Planning & Demonstration Projects only: Aug 29, 2024**

Purpose of Program

- 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.

Eligible Applicants

- ❖ Metropolitan planning organization (MPO);
- ❖ Political subdivision of a State or territory.
- ❖ Federally recognized Tribal government; and
- ❖ Multijurisdictional group of entities described in any of the aforementioned three types of entities.

Priorities

- Promote safety to prevent death and serious injuries on public roadways.
- Employ low-cost, high-impact strategies that can improve safety over a wide geographic area.
- Ensure equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved communities, which includes both underserved urban and rural communities.
- Incorporate evidence-based projects and strategies and adopt innovative technologies and strategies.
- Demonstrate engagement with a variety of public and private stakeholders; and
- Align with the Department's mission and Strategic Goals such as safety; climate change and sustainability; equity and Justice40; and workforce development, job quality, and wealth creation.

Note: Department seeks to fund projects that advance priorities of safety, climate and sustainability, equity, and workforce development, job quality, and wealth creation as described in the DOT Strategic Plan, the DOT Research, Development and Technology Strategic Plan, and in executive orders. (See Section E of NOFO for safety, climate, equity, and workforce-related selection criteria, and Section F for related award administration requirements).

Funds

Available Funding: \$580M was available to implement projects and strategies (closed).

August 29, 2024 Deadline: The remaining \$656,687M is for Action Plans---developing Action Plans; conducting supplemental planning to update existing Action Plans; or carrying out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or updates to, Action Plans.

Purpose of Funding: 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 funds.

Award Amounts: Planning and Demonstration: \$100,000 to \$10,000,000

Match: A minimum of 20 percent of total eligible project costs required. May be in-kind or cash contributions. Unless otherwise authorized by statute, all matching funds must be from non-Federal sources. Tribal Transportation Program and Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds may be used as non-Federal match. Matching funds may include funding from the applicant, or other eligible non-Federal sources.

Period of Performance: Awards to be determined by November 17, 2024. Projects cannot exceed 5 years.

Funding Instrument: Reimbursable Grant

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION

There are two types of grants with two separate application submission and supporting documentation requirements -- both require Action Plans. (Note: Implementation Grant opportunity has closed, so you can only apply for the Planning and Demonstration Projects.

- Planning and Demonstration Projects
- Eligible applicants applying for supplemental planning or demonstration activities without their own Action Plan must meet eligibility requirements as noted in NOFO.

Demonstration and planning grants are not eligible for pre-application submission review. <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/self-certification-worksheet>

Grant applications must be submitted on the Valid Eval DOT system

https://usg.valideval.com/teams/usdot_ss4a_2024_planning_demo/signup

Special Circumstances

- Implementation Grant applicants may request funds to bundle supplemental planning and demonstration activities as described in Section A.2.i to update an Action Plan, with funds to implement projects and strategies. If an Implementation Grant applicant is not selected for funding, the applicant may subsequently reapply for a Planning and Demonstration Grant as long as they submit their application on or before the last Planning and Demonstration Grant deadline of August 29.
- An eligible Planning and Demonstration Grant applicant may apply multiple times but can receive only one award from the funding opportunity. Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants that applied in earlier deadlines and were not selected for an award may reapply again to this NOFO as long as they submit their application on or before the last Planning and Demonstration Grant deadline of August 29. Planning and Demonstration Grant funding recipients are not precluded from applying in future funding rounds. SS4A award recipients from FY 2022 and 2023 are eligible to apply in FY 2024.

Action Plan

Eligibility requirements are contingent on whether an applicant is requesting funds to develop a new Action Plan, conduct supplemental planning to update an existing Action Plan, and/or carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of or update to an Action Plan

Action Plan Components: (See Table w/descriptions on NOFO page 6):

- Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting
- Planning Structure (Committee, task force, etc.)
- Safety Analysis
- Engagement and Collaboration
- Equity Considerations
- Policy and Process Changes
- Strategy and Project Sections (identification of a comprehensive set of projects and strategies)
- Progress and Transparency (measuring progress over time)

Planning and Implementation Grants

- There are three different types of activities
 - 1) Develop an Action Plan
 - 2) Conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan; and
 - 3) Carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.

The three different types of activities under the Planning and Demonstration Grants can either be bundled together into one application, or an applicant may choose to request funding for only one of the activities. Further information on which activities can be bundled together are described in Section C.3.i.

Supplemental Planning

Supplemental action plan activities support or enhance an existing Action Plan. To only fund supplemental Action Plan activities through the SS4A program, an applicant must have an existing Action Plan; have a plan that is substantially similar and meets the eligibility requirements for having an existing plan; or be in the process of completing an Action Plan described in Table 1. Examples of supplemental planning are provided in NOFO.

Demonstration Activities

Demonstration activities inform an Action Plan by testing proposed project and strategy approaches to determine their potential benefits and future scope; demonstration activities are temporary.

Demonstration activities must measure potential benefits through data collection and evaluation and inform an Action Plan's list of selected projects and strategies and their future implementation.

To receive funds only for demonstration activities through the SS4A program, an applicant must have an existing Action Plan, have a plan that is substantially similar and meets the eligibility requirements for having an existing plan, or be in the process of completing components of an Action Plan as described in NOFO. Examples of demonstration activities are listed in NOFO.

Changes from FY2023 NOFO (page 1 of 2)

- Section D C (page 13 under 2. Cost Sharing/Matching) Clarifies that Tribal Transportation Program and Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds may be used as non-Federal match.
- Planning and Demonstration Grants had the following substantive changes:
 - The NOFO includes three deadlines: April 4, May 16, and August 29. Applications received on or before each deadline will be reviewed and evaluated separately from applications received at other deadlines.
 - Section C.3 (page 14 under 3. Grant Eligibility Requirements) allows an applicant to reapply if not selected as long as the application is received by the last Planning and Demonstration Grant deadline of August 29.
 - Section D.2 (page 18 “Narrative”) permits up to three pages of narrative to respond to the Additional Safety Context selection criterion if the funding requested is over \$1 million.
 - Section E (page 25): the Additional Safety Context selection criterion was modified for applications with demonstration activities.
 - Section E (page 26) has a new award selection consideration for applicants that have a fatality rate of 17.0 fatalities per 100,000 persons or greater.

Register

Register and Apply under Valid Eval DOT system (SAMS still required)

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/how-to-apply>

For Planning & Demonstration Grant Submissions: Final Deadline August 29, 2024

https://usg.valideval.com/teams/usdot_ss4a_2024_planning_demo/signup

For Implementation Grant Submissions:

https://usg.valideval.com/teams/usdot_ss4a_2024_implementation/signu

- deadline past

Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

The NOFO is the guide for applying, but the website is a valuable resource:

- Guidance on whether you qualify to apply, types of grants and/or projects you are eligible to apply for, etc.
- FAQs and webinars to aid applicants
- Checklists
- Links to application portals, and instructional fact sheets to guide your SS4A application
- Templates for required documentation for your applications (fatality rate fact sheet, safety plan templates, project area crash data fact sheets....etc.)
- Link to Self-Certification eligibility Worksheet
- Links to budget templates

Planning and Demonstration: <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2024-03/SS4A-FY24-Planning-Demo-Checklist.pdf>

Implementation: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/ss4a-implementation-grant-application-checklist>

END of SUMMARY. Best of luck with your applications!