

Safe Streets and Roads for All

SS4A Grant Program

Applications due September 15th



Purpose

Improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users.

"All Users" Includes:

- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- Public Transportation Users
- Motorists
- Personal Conveyance & Micromobility Users
- Commercial Vehicle Operators



Two Types of Grants

Can only apply for an Action Plan Grant or an Implementation Grant - not both

An Eligible Applicant can only submit one application

Action Plan funding recipients are not excluded from applying for implementation in future rounds

Action Plan Grants

Used to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan

Implementation Grants

Implement strategies or projects consistent with an existing Action Plan

Action Plan Grants



About Action Plan Grants

- Foundation of the SS4A program
- Develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries
- Primary Deliverable is a publicly available Action Plan

Supplemental Activities:

- Support Existing Plan
- Additional Analysis
- Expanded Data Collection
- Quick-build projects to inform permanent projects in the future
- Stakeholder engagement
- Complementary planning efforts



Action Plan Components

1. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting
2. Planning Structure (Committee)
3. Safety Analysis
4. Engagement and Collaboration
5. Equity Considerations
6. Policy and Process Changes
7. Strategy and Project Selections
8. Progress and Transparency

Implementation Grants



About Implementation Grants

- Fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that addresses roadway safety problems
- Fund associated planning and design and supplemental Action Plan activities supporting existing plan
- Encouraged to include supplemental activities



Successful Applications

- Promote safety
- Low-cost, high-impact strategies that improve safety over a wider geographic area
- Ensure equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved communities
- Incorporate evidence-based projects and strategies
- Align with the Department's mission/priorities such as equity, climate and sustainability, quality job creation, and economic strength and global competitiveness

Action Plan Grants

Awards based on safety impact, equity, and other safety considerations

Implementation Grants

Projects and strategies that save lives and reduce fatalities/serious injuries, incorporate equity/engagement, use effective practices and strategies, and complete full scope within 5 years

DOT Priorities

- Safe Systems Approach
- Complete Streets
- Justice 40 (Equity)
- Climate Change and Sustainability
- Creation of Good-Paying Jobs



Funding

\$5 billion in advanced appropriations, including \$1 billion for FY 2022

Funds must be expended within 5 years of executed agreement/obligation

DOT expects to award 100s of Action Plan grants and up to 100 Implementation Grants

80 percent federal share with non-federally sourced matching funds

Joint applications are encouraged

Action Plan Grants

Award Size

Minimum:

\$200,000

Maximum for local agency:

\$1,000,000

Maximum for MPO or region:

\$5,000,000

Implementation Grants

Award Size

Min/Max for local agency:

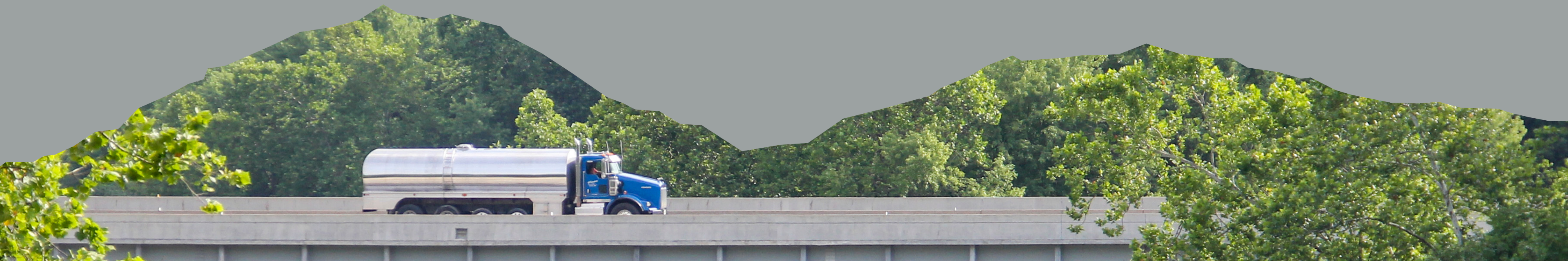
\$5,000,000/\$30,000,000

Min/Max for MPO or region:

\$5,000,000/\$50,000,000

Timeline

- Applications Due September 15, 2022
- Agreement signed within 12 months of award announcement
- Action Plans complete within 12 to 24 months of agreement
- Implementation Projects may not exceed 5 years



Eligible Applicants

- MPOs
- Political Subdivision of a state
- Tribal Government
- Combination of the above
(with a lead applicant)

Joint applications are strongly encouraged for Action Plan Grants



Evaluating Applications

Avoid duplicative Action Plan grants from same location

Evaluated on merit criteria, considerations, and budget

Application templates available on SS4A website

Action Plan Grants

Safety Impact (quantitative)

- Fatalities from 2016-2020
- Fatality Rate per Capita (2020)

Equity (quantitative)

- Percent population underserved

Safety (narrative)

Other - Budget Costs

Implementation Grants

- Based on Action Plan
- Safety Impact
- Equity, Engagement, Collaboration
- Effective Practices and Strategies
- Climate, Sustainability, Economic Competitiveness
- Project Readiness

Evaluating Outcomes

DOT intends to measure safety outcomes through a combination of:

Grant Agreement Activities

DOT Data Collections Underway

Program Evaluations Separate from Individual Grant Agreements

All Recipients

Submit a report that describes:

- Costs
- Roadway Safety Outcomes
- Lessons Learned
- Aggregated Annual Crash Data on Serious Injuries and Fatalities

Implementation Grants

Must also provide:

- Crash data for project locations, including crash characteristics and contributing factor information
- Additional data requirements could be negotiated depending on project type