



# SS4A GRANT APPLICATION GUIDE

**FUNDING ACCESSIBLE  
PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS**

# NOW IS THE TIME

## TO INVEST IN SAFER STREETS

In 2020, 6,516 pedestrians were killed and 54,769 were injured on America's roadways. ([Source: FARS](#))

Many of these deaths could have been prevented through better roadway design and accessibility measures.

For more than 12 million people living with vision loss or over 30 million people with mobility loss ([Source: CDC](#)), navigating typical streets can be difficult and dangerous. Proven safety measures can have an enormous impact on fatality and injury rates, but it can be difficult for smaller communities to obtain funds for safer, more accessible streets.

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program will award \$1 billion per year over the next five years to qualifying Vision Zero and Complete Streets initiatives, putting accessibility improvements within reach for every community. This guide will walk you through the application process, and point toward other funding resources that can help you protect pedestrians in your community.

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

### FOR SS4A GRANTS?

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Political subdivisions of a state, such as cities, towns, counties, special districts; transit districts, transit authorities, and public benefit corporations created under state law
- Federally recognized Tribal governments
- Multi-jurisdictional groups of the above entities

## WHERE TO START

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- [Watch these recorded webinars - clear, simple explanations of the requirements and steps for applying for SS4A grants \(link\).](#)
- [Review the checklists, planning worksheets, and application templates available here \(link\).](#)
- Identify whether you need an Action Plan Grant or an Implementation grant
- [Determine if you should apply independently or jointly with other communities \(link\)](#)
- [Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier through sam.gov \(link\)](#)
- [Complete the grants.gov registration process \(link\)](#)
- Complete your application by 5:00pm EDT, September 15, 2022

# TIMELINE

START NOW FOR YOUR BEST CHANCE AT FUNDING



## WHAT'S COVERED?

### TWO TYPES OF GRANTS

- **Action Plan grants** cover the development or completion of comprehensive safety action plans
- **Implementation grants** cover the implementation of projects and strategies identified in an existing comprehensive safety action plan that address a roadway safety problem.
- To be eligible for SS4A implementation grants, a qualifying comprehensive safety action plan must be in place.

## CREATE YOUR ACTION PLAN

### SAFETY IMPROVEMENT EXAMPLES (LINK)

- Installing accessible pedestrian signals (APS) at signalized crosswalks
- Adding rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFBs) and audible buttons to school and mid-block crossings
- Widening sidewalks and adding curb ramps
- Creating parking restrictions around crosswalks
- Improving night-time lighting
- Creating protected bicycle lanes
- Implementing road diets and safe speed limits
- Converting intersections to roundabouts

## YOU'RE NOT ALONE

### CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH YOUR STATE DOT

While state DOTs are not eligible to apply for SS4A grants, they can partner with local authorities who are applying for grants, providing assistance and expertise with the grant process. State funds may also be available to satisfy the local funding requirements.

# ONLINE RESOURCES

## TO HELP YOU SUCCEED

- [Vision Zero Network - maximizing safety impact from SS4A grants](#)
- [carmanah.com - Reducing traffic fatalities using the Safe Streets for All grant](#)
- [Applicant Toolkit for Competitive Funding Programs at USDOT - Helpful resources for navigating the grant application process](#)
- [Build America Bureau - the single point of contact and coordination for states, municipalities, and other project sponsors seeking federal transportation expertise](#)

## OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

### FOR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- [Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Implementation Guidance as Revised by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#)
  - » Apply through [your state's FHWA Field Office](#).
- [U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Highway, and Safety Funds - Funding - Bicycle and Pedestrian Program](#)
  - » Breakdown of Federal funding sources for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and what kind of projects qualify for each funding source.
- [RAISE Discretionary Grants](#)
  - » RAISE discretionary grants are for “capital investments in surface transportation that... improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability.”([Source](#)) Recent examples of funded projects include pedestrian signals, crosswalks, and bus lanes in Oakland, CA; sidewalks and bike lanes in Wasco, CA; widened sidewalks in Denver, CO; traffic-calming measures and pedestrian paths in Wilmington, DE; and a ADA-compliant ramps, crosswalks, and signals in Atlanta, GA. Overall, USDOT has awarded \$9.9 billion to more than 700 projects.
- [Local Infrastructure Hub | Bloomberg Cities \(jhu.edu\)](#)
  - » The Local Infrastructure Hub is a national program to ensure that all cities and towns can access federal infrastructure funding to drive local recovery, improve communities, and deliver results for residents.