

## 11. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) UPDATE

### BACKGROUND

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On May 16, 2022 the Discretionary grant program was announced by the FHWA. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide \$5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports the Department's National Roadway Safety Strategy and a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. On May 16, 2022 the Discretionary grant program was announced.

### CURRENT SITUATION

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#### Who is eligible to apply?

- Metropolitan planning organizations;
- Counties, cities, towns, and other special districts that are subdivisions of a State;
- Federally recognized Tribal governments; and
- Partnerships comprised of the entities above.

#### Eligible activities

The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants:

- **Action Plan Grants** provide Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. Having an Action Plan in place is the foundation of the SS4A grant program. Action Plan Grants may also fund supplemental Action Plan activities. 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.
- **Implementation Grants** provide Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Projects and strategies may be infrastructure, behavioral, and/or operational activities. Implementation Grants may also fund associated planning and design and supplemental Action Plan activities in support of an existing Action Plan. Applicants must have an existing Action Plan to apply for Implementation Grants or have an existing plan that is substantially similar and meets the eligibility requirements.

#### FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity is open, now through September 15, 2022

The FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for SS4A grants is live on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2022. For details, more information, and applicant guidance:

- Review the NOFO
- Visit FHWA "How to Apply" assistance page
- Attend FHWA "How to Apply" webinar

Award announcements are expected to be made by the end of calendar year 2022 or early 2023.

### ACTION REQUESTED

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For Information and Discussion