

**To:** CRCOG Transportation Committee

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**Subject:** 60 Seconds for Safety: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Funding under a new Federal discretionary grant program is briefly described on the attached pages from the first two references listed below. Although information is limited regarding this new grant program, CRCOG staff wanted to share this information because **local governments** will be eligible applicants for this grant program. Eligible projects will include planning, design, and development activities for infrastructure projects and other strategies identified in a comprehensive safety action plan.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the SS4A grant is not yet posted. The NOFO is anticipated to be released in Spring 2022. Once the NOFO is posted, interested parties may apply for funding opportunities. The USDOT is hosting a "Getting Ready for the Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Program, for Cities and Towns" webinar on May 2, 2022 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. See the link below to the SS4A website to register.

#### **References:**

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- 2. Bipartisan Infrastruture Law (BIL), Overview of Highway Provisions, US DOT FHWA <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/docs/bil\_overview\_20211122.pdf">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/docs/bil\_overview\_20211122.pdf</a>
- 3. USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Website and Webinar <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A">https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A</a>

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# A GUIDEBOOK TO THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FOR STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS, AND OTHER PARTNERS





#### **Safe Streets and Roads for All**

**Federal Agency:** Department of Transportation **Bureau or Account:** Office of the Secretary

**Funding amount:** \$5,000,000,000

Period of Availability: Available until expended

Funding Mechanism: Competitive Grant

**New Program:** Yes

**Recipients:** (A) A metropolitan planning organization; (B) a political subdivision of a State; (C) a federally recognized Tribal government; and (D) a multijurisdictional group of entities described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (C).

**Description:** The Office of the Secretary's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program provides supplemental funding to support local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, commonly referred to as "Vision Zero" or "Toward Zero Deaths" initiatives.

**Eligible Uses:** The term "eligible project" means a project— (A) to develop a comprehensive safety action plan; (B) to conduct planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in a comprehensive safety action plan; or (C) to carry out projects and strategies identified in a comprehensive safety action plan.

Next Milestone: Applications are expected to open in May 2022.

## BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL)\*

Overview of Highway Provisions



#### Funding Available to a Range of Recipients

| Program Examples                            | State | МРО          | Local | Tribe    | PA* | Territory | FLMA* |
|---|-------|--------------|-------|----------|-----|-----------|-------|
| Apportioned programs (formula)              | ✓     |              |       |          |     |           |       |
| Bridge Program (formula)                    | ✓     |              |       | ✓        |     |           |       |
| National Electric Vehicle Formula Program   | ✓     |              | ✓     |          |     |           |       |
| Safe Streets and Roads for All program      |       | $\checkmark$ | ✓     | <b>✓</b> |     |           |       |
| PROTECT Grants (discretionary)              | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     | ✓        | ✓   |           | ✓     |
| Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     | ✓        | ✓   | ✓         |       |
| Congestion Relief Program                   | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     |          |     |           |       |
| Bridge Investment Program (discretionary)   | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     | ✓        | ✓   |           | ✓     |
| Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program      | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     | ✓        |     |           |       |
| Rural Surface Transportation Grants         | ✓     |              | ✓     | ✓        |     |           |       |
| INFRA                                       | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     | ✓        | ✓   |           | ✓     |
| Nat'l Infra. Project Assistance             | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     | ✓        | ✓   |           |       |
| Local and Regional Project Assistance       | ✓     | ✓            | ✓     | ✓        | ✓   | ✓         |       |

<u>Note</u>: This table does not include all BIL programs or eligible entities, and there are additional nuances not represented in this table. Additional programmatic information is provided in later slides. FHWA will administer most, but not all, programs listed.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;PA" means a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function; FLMA means Federal Land Management Agency

#### [NEW] Safe Streets and Roads for All (discretionary)

| Purpose              | Support local initiatives to prevent transportation-related death and serious injury on roads and streets (commonly referred to as "Vision Zero" or "Toward Zero Deaths" initiatives).  |
|----------------------|---|
| Funding              | \$5.0B (FY 22-26) in advance appropriations from the GF   |
| Eligible entities    | <ul> <li>MPO</li> <li>Political subdivision of a State (e.g., local governments)</li> <li>Tribal government</li> </ul>  |
| Eligible projects    | <ul> <li>Comprehensive safety action plan (planning grant)</li> <li>Planning, design, and development activities for infrastructure projects and other strategies identified in a comprehensive safety action plan</li> </ul>   |
| Other key provisions | <ul> <li>Sets aside not less than 40% of total funding each FY for planning grants.</li> <li>Requires considering, among other factors, the likelihood of a project significantly reducing or eliminating fatalities and serious injuries involving various road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, and commercial operators.</li> </ul> |