

To: CRCOG Policy Board, Transportation Committee, and Municipal Services Committee

From: Elizabeth Sanderson, CRCOG Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Coordinator

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Subject: 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Program

This memorandum describes U.S. Department of Transportation's FY 2024 **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program (SS4A)** and outlines necessary next steps for interested applicants. SS4A funds projects that will prevent deaths and serious injuries on roadways. Over **\$1.2B** is available nationwide. Two types of grants are available; however, applicants may only apply for one grant. A minimum of 20% local match is required. View the **SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**.

- Planning and Demonstration Grants: \$656M is available for comprehensive safety action plans (Action Plans), including supplemental safety planning, and/or safety demonstration activities that inform strategies identified in an existing, qualifying Action Plan to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. CRCOG is updating the Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) to serve as the Action Plan for the Capitol Region. However, this grant type offers the opportunity to receive funds for Supplemental Planning Activities for roadway safety activities that enhance the existing Action Plan. Funding for Demonstration Activities, such as temporary quick-builds using paint, plastic delineator posts, or removable barriers to experiment with roadway design changes; pilot programs for new technologies like variable speed limits, speed safety cameras, adaptive signal timing, adaptive lighting, etc.
 - o Expected minimum award amount: \$100,000.
 - Expected maximum award amount: \$10M.
 - Application Deadlines: Applications will be reviewed in three waves or cohorts: April 4, May 16, or August 29, 2024.
 - o Apply online through ValidEval.
- Implementation Grants: \$580M is available to fund projects or strategies identified in an existing, qualifying Action Plan that address roadway safety problems. This is an excellent opportunity to receive funding to plan, design and construct a project or strategy that is identified in an existing Action Plan. In applications, be sure to clearly indicate how your proposed project will promote safety to prevent death and serious injuries on roadways. Implementation Grant Applications may also include Supplemental Planning and/or Demonstration Activities.
 - o Expected minimum award amount: \$2.5M.
 - o Expected maximum award amount: \$25M.
 - If an application is not awarded, then applicants may transform their application for consideration as a Planning and Demonstration Grant Application before the final deadline in August.
 - o Application Deadline: May 16, 2024.
 - Apply online through ValidEval.

Next Steps

Collaboration and support from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is required for projects that involve state right-of-way(s). With the first application deadline fast approaching on April 4, CTDOT is requiring potential applicants to complete the attached Letter of Support (LOS) Request Form at least two weeks before this deadline. To accommodate this requirement, esanderson@crcog.org by Wednesday, March 20, 2024. More details to follow on the preferred process for May and August application deadlines.

Also, CRCOG is updating application outlines/templates based on the recent NOFO, and will have these available for your use, upon request. <u>Please contact Elizabeth Sanderson</u> at 860-724-4701 if you are interested in receiving these documents or would like to discuss your project's potential <u>eligibility</u>.

Attachments

CTDOT LOS Request Form