

## **Attachment 10 a. - US DOT Safe Roads and Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program**

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A general program overview is provided below

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the SS4A first grant round is anticipated to open in May 2022; with grants anticipated to be due in late August to late September. In order to receive project implementation funds, an approved Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, or equivalent document, developed according SS4A NOFO specifications, must be adopted by a locality and/or regional entity.

The SS4A first grant round will make available planning and implementation funding. Planning funding, at standard 80%/20% match rate, will be available to provide funding to undergo an extensive planning process to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The ability to be ready for these funds will require dedicated evaluation to assure that all parties are apprised of important details and able to move through appropriate review, approval, and potential financial contribution considerations. Staff is recommending the creation of a CVPDC/CVTPO Safe Roads and Streets for All Subcommittee, that will be comprised of dedicated CVTPO members, CVTPO appointed members, and TTC members. This short-term subcommittee will serve to oversee the SS4A program review, evaluation, and action recommendation(s) which will be brought back to the CVPDC, CVTPO, and as necessary, localities.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that at least one CVPDC representative serve on a committee to review program information and, if determined of value, guide development of recommended actions (i.e. SS4A application).

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The SS4A supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy, a goal for zero deaths and series injuries on the nation's roadways. Program is eligible to urban and rural communities.

The following is SS4A information, as of May 9, 2022.

### General Information

- The SS4A for grant round, which will offer \$1 Billion in funding, will open spring 2022.
- The NOFO is not yet posted but is anticipated to be released in May 2022.
- Suggested 1<sup>st</sup> application due in late summer/early fall 2022.
- Two funding pots
  - Planning: Develop Action Plans, Sub-plans
  - Implementation – Identified projects via approved DOT Plan format (NOFO will identify)

### Eligible to Activities

- Develop or update a *Comprehensive Safety Action Plan*
- Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support to an Action Plan
- Carry out project and strategies identified in an Action Plan

### Key Factors – Per Program Webinar & As Known 5/9/2022

- Development and establishment of a *Comprehensive Safety Action Plan* is a KEY program factor
  - Focus on developing Safety Action Plan – per pending NOFO requirements
  - Exploring entities to ask questions of existing plans/prepare for development of Comp Safety Action Plans
- Program will follow actions as outlined in the *USDOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy*  
<https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS>, rolled out January 2022
- Establish Process to Get Ready for the Program
  - Be ready when NOFO launches
  - Have process in place to evaluate existing Plans/Programs to the NOFO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan element requirements.  
NOTE: Action Plan requirements beyond – what is in plans, includes how were elements in the Plans derived, do the plans include all factors of consideration (climate, EJ, etc.) within required Action Plan NOFO.

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Grant Round open once NOFO released: <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>