Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Category: Public Transportation

Eligible Applicants: States, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), local governments, and Indian tribes, and multijurisdictional groups of the above organizations.

Total IIJA Funding: <u>\$5 billion</u> in total funds are available for fiscal years (FY) 2022-2026.

FY24 Grant Funding: \$1 billion in SS4A funding is expected in FY24.

Match Requirements: Based on the FY23 NOFO, the match requirement is expected to be 20% of the total project costs.

Key Dates: The FY24 NOFO is expected in February 2024. For reference, the FY23 NOFO was released on March 30, 2023, and closed on June 10, 2023.

Overview: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants support regional, local, and Tribal efforts to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The purpose is to enhance safety for all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance, micro-mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. SS4A includes two types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants.

Eligible Activities: Per the FY23 NOFO, eligible activities include:

- Planning and Demonstration Grants: Develop an Action Plan; conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan; and carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.
- Implementation Grants: In addition to the above eligible activities under Planning and Demonstration grants, Implementation grants must be used to execute projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

Opportunities for Climate and Racial Wealth Equity: The Safe Streets for All grants are designed to enhance roadway safety and create more user-friendly streets. Often, neighborhoods lacking roadway safety measures are found in areas that disproportionately include people of color, rural communities, or those historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by poverty and inequality.

Per the FY23 NOFO, each applicant selected for SS4A grant funding must demonstrate efforts to consider the climate change and environmental justice impacts of their project.

Key Funding Criteria: Based on the FY23 NOFO, applications for Planning and Demonstration Grants will be evaluated on the project's impact on safety and equity. DOT will also use additional context provided in the grant narrative as part of its evaluation.

Implementation Grants will be evaluated on the project's impact on safety, equity, engagement, and collaboration, effective practices and strategies, and other DOT Strategic Goals. The FY2023 NOFO includes detailed descriptions of each evaluation criterion.

Additional Information: Implementation Grant applications must also meet one of the following conditions:

- Have ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities over a roadway network.
- Have safety responsibilities that affect roadways.
- Have an agreement from the agency that has ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the roadway within the applicant's jurisdiction.

Program details are available on the DOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All website.