

Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC)

On the Move: Synergy 2025 Webinar

[Finding the Money: Additional Active Transportation Funding Programs](#)

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Resource List

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[Office of Traffic Safety \(OTS\)](#)

- [“Go Safely, California” Media Toolkits](#)
- [Grant Electronic Management System \(GEMS\)](#) – Apply for OTS Grants

[Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants \(STPG\) – Caltrans](#)

- [FY 2025-26 Grant Application Guide](#)
- [Link to submit grant application submittal portal via Smartsheet](#)
- [Subscribe to the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Email List](#)

[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program Overview](#)

- [How to Apply](#)
- [Implementation Grant Estimated Budget Templates](#)
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- [Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet](#)
- [Standard Forms for SS4A Grants](#)
- SS4A Checklist, Guidance and Instructions
 - [Action Plan Components](#) (from Notice of Funding Opportunity Table 1)
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 - [Calculating Average Annual Fatality Rate](#)
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 - [Matching Funds for SS4A Grants](#)
 - [Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY24 SS4A Grants](#)
 - [Pre-Application Action Plan Review](#)
 - [Project Area Crash Data Fact Sheet for Implementation Grants](#)
 - [SS4A: What’s New in 2024?](#)
 - [Standard Forms Fact Sheet](#)

Other resources

- [2025 Road to Zero Community Traffic Safety Grants – Applications Due Friday, January 31, 2025.](#)
- [Navigating Discretionary Grant Program Webinar – Thursday, March 6th, 2025.](#)
- [Additional Active Transportation Funding Programs](#) on Caltrans Active Transportation Program webpage.

Q&A

1. How often do you accept applications for your grant?

Answers:

- a. OTS accepts applications beginning in December, ending January 31st. We can sometimes accept applications out of cycle, but that depends on many variables. If
- b. The STPG typically follow a similar timeline for each year's grant funding cycle, although there may be some slight variation in actual dates. The STPG Application Guide and call-for-applications are typically announced in late.

2. Can the grant be used for permanent road signage and or road striping for bicycle lanes?

Answers:

- a. OTS funding can be used for temporary markings as part of a temporary demonstration or quick build but cannot be used for permanent implementation.
- b. The STPG are for planning projects only. We have awarded Bike-Ped Plans, Active Transportation Plans, Safe Routes to Schools Plans, and Complete Streets Plans in previous cycles.

3. Do you have a link to recent OTS bike & ped safety awards?

Answer: Here is the [link](#) to the page on the OTS site that includes the 2023 funded applications. This is the OTS grant application we submit to NHTSA, which is effectively all of the grant applications we want to fund. The 2025 version of this has not yet been posted to our website, but the 2024 should give you some guidance. [Visit our Publication and Reports website.](#)

4. Do SB1 grant pay for Mobility Element Updates?

Answer: General Plan updates are not eligible under STPG, but a Mobility/Transportation Element update (transportation nexus) would be eligible Sustainable Communities Competitive category.

5. Can speakers make a note of future cycles? Are future cycles on the same schedule?

Answers:

- a. The OTS deadline for 2026 federal cycle is January 31, 2025. OTS grants deadline are consistent every year.
- b. The STPG typically follow a similar timeline for each year's grant funding cycle, although there may be some slight variation in actual dates. The STPG Application Guide and call-for-applications are typically announced in late summer/early fall, applications are typically due in winter, with grant awards announced in late spring/early summer. Subscribing to the STPG email list is a great way to get STPG updates.
- c. AHSC plans for a consistent 14-month cycle moving forward.
- d. The next SS4A application is due March 2025.

6. With one deadline on Friday and another on Wednesday, wish we had this presentation sooner.

- a. The grants featured in this webinar are highly subscribed and competitive, so it is crucial to start preparing early. We suggest planning ahead by signing up for email notifications, attending informative workshops/webinars, applications guidance, and gathering all necessary information before applications open.

7. Can a non-eligible individual create a GEMS account on OTS in order to gain more detailed information to encourage local eligible organizations to apply?

Answer: Great question and idea. Unfortunately, a non-eligible entity cannot receive a login to the application database, but I can provide a blank sample Bike/Ped application template to you. Please contact me via email if you are interested. nancy.wolf@ots.ca.gov

8. Does STI fund parking? Or just bike parking?

Answer: AHSC does not fund parking for cars. Does fund bike parking.

9. Can you share the link to subscribe to the STPG email list to get STPG updates.

Answer: [Sign up for Caltrans STPG here.](#)

10. AHSC - our county falls between the cracks on GHG reductions and has never won a grant for any project. Will new guidelines take this into consideration?

Answer: Over the past couple rounds AHSC added new options to get points. For example, we've added points for improvements to local bus service and have increased narrative score to better account for the adaptive measures applicants incorporate. GHGs are still an important component of an AHSC application given our funding source, and are still 30 points of the 100-point scale. Transit GHGs are 5 of those 30 points, Project Area GHGs are 10 of 30, and cost efficiency is 15 of 30. CARB also updates the calculator to account for updated data sources to best capture the estimated GHG reductions.

11. Could the new presidential administration with their planned "government efficiency" cuts potentially affect any of these grant programs?

Answer:

- a. AHSC has guaranteed funding through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund through 2030, so should not be impacted by federal cuts.
- b. Cuts to the STPG are not anticipated.
- c. SS4A is optimistic that it will continue to provide funding beyond 2026.

12. When is the last funding opportunity for the SS4A program?

Answer: 2026. I highly recommend applying in 2025.

13. Given that the STPG is due in 5 days, is there any flexibility in the deadline like there is for OTS grants?

Answer: STPG does not offer any flexibility. This is a yearly funding opportunity, so it is recommended to start getting your grant project in order and be ready to submit for the next funding cycle.

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