

Finding the Money: Additional Active Transportation Funding Programs

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Webinar Objective

Today's webinar explores non-Active Transportation Program funding resources which support walking and cycling.

- Learn about alternate funding programs for active transportation plans and pedestrian/bicycle safety programs.



ATRC Webinar Logistics

- Share your questions throughout the meeting by using the “Q&A” function.
- Please complete the post-webinar attendee survey.
- The webinar will be recorded and shared with all registered participants along with the slides and resources.





CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Programs



Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Background

- Department under the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
- Administers grant funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities on California roads through behavioral traffic safety programs.
- Approximate annual budget of \$150 million funding 500 grants statewide for federal fiscal year 2025 (Oct. 1, 2024 - Sept. 30, 2025).

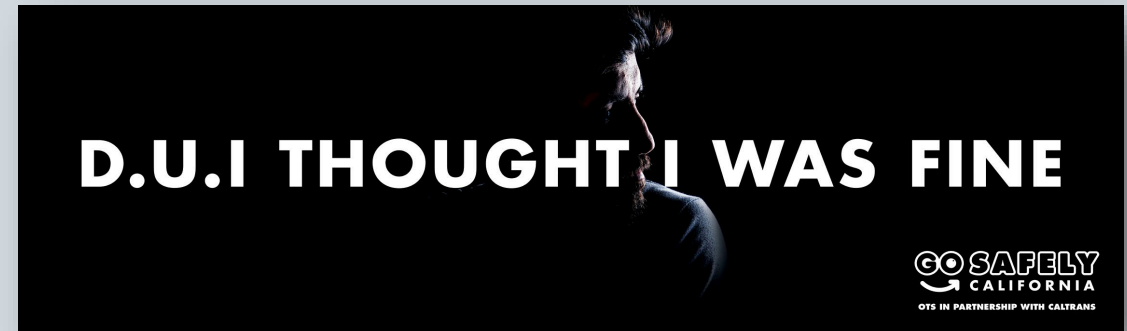
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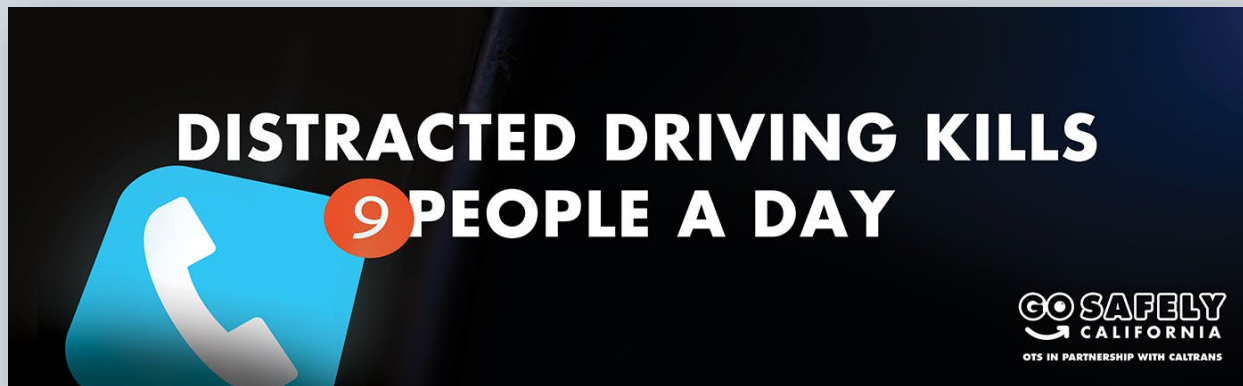
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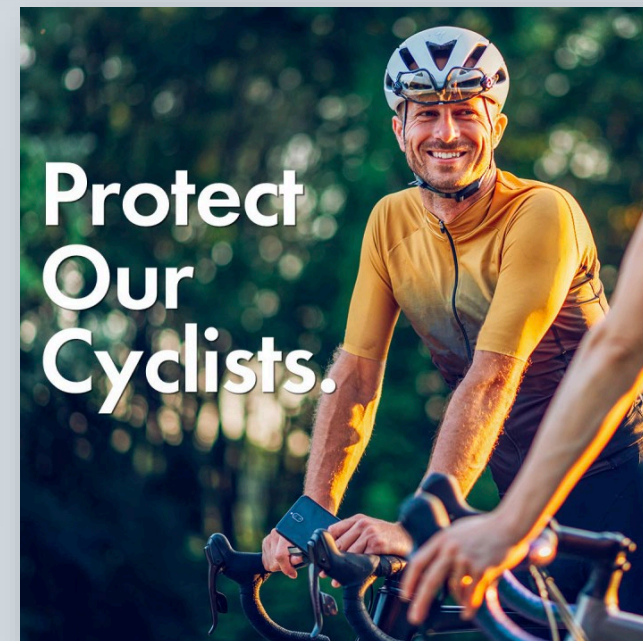
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OTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALTRANS



**DISTRACTED DRIVING KILLS
9 PEOPLE A DAY**

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**Protect
Our
Cyclists.**

Grant Programs

- UC Berkeley SafeTREC's
 - Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training
 - Complete Streets Safety Assessments
 - Traffic Injury Mapping System (TIMS)
 - Street Story
- SCAG's "Kit of Parts"





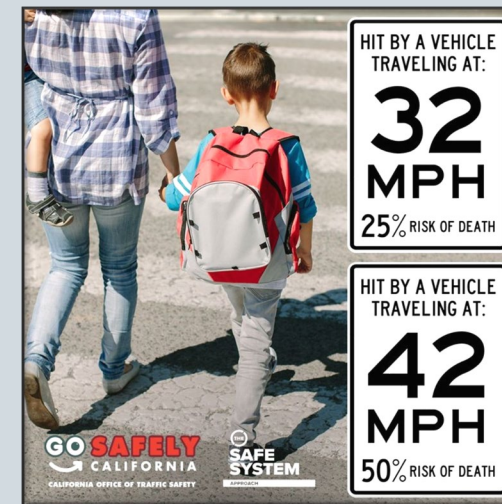
CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

- "Go Safely, California" Media Toolkits
 - Animated informational videos
 - Activity books
 - Event flyers (Bike Rodeo, Car Seat Check, etc.)
 - Tip cards, fact sheets, posters and much more!
 - English and Spanish



CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

- "Go Safely, California" Media Toolkits
- The Go Safely Movement – Traffic Safety Champion
- Safe System Approach



Funded Programming

- To eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries
- Non-Infrastructure Traffic Safety Grants
 - Enforcement
 - Education
 - Research
 - Emergency Medical Services
- Embraces Safe System Approach
- Supported by Data

Program Areas

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Traffic Safety
- Alcohol-Impaired Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Drug-Impaired Driving
- Emergency Medical Services
- Motorcycle Safety
- Occupant Protection
- Police Traffic Services
- Traffic Records

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Programs

- Community Engaged Walk/Bike Audits
- School Travel Fellowship - SMCOE
- Classroom Presentations
- Community Bike Rides
- Walking Field Trips
- Bike Rodeos
- Bike Trains and Walking School Buses



Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Programs

- Safety Assessments
- Research – Local, regional, and statewide data collection and analysis.
- Education to local jurisdictions and city staff on the value and meaning of the Safe System Approach.
- Education to the community explaining recent or planned infrastructure changes.
- Awareness and education campaigns focused on biking/walking safety.

Allowable Costs

- Personnel
- Contractual Services
- Travel
- Educational Materials
- Safety Items
- Activity Supplies
- Data Collection Devices

General Grant Information

- Eligibility:
 - Government and Public Entities
 - Non-Profits need a host
- No formal Min/Max \$ Amount
- No local match required
- Grant period is 12 months
- Templated Application, Claims, Quarterly Reports

OTS Grant Funding Cycle



Application Elements

- Problem Identification
- Strategies
- Agency Qualifications
- Equity Efforts
- Community Engagement
- Objectives
- Budget

Problem Identification

Who, What, When, Where, Why – supported by data

- Who is the target population? (location, age, race, refugee, language barrier, socio economic status)
- What is the problem? (Primary Collision Factor, poor infrastructure, lack of education of laws or safe behavior)
- Where is the problem? City/countywide or a specific locale within your agency's jurisdiction, near a school, near a bus shelter?
- When does the problem occur? Night, day, before/after school?
- Why? Road user behavior, roadway design, other contributors.

Data Resources

- Local Data (crash, Emergency Dept., helmet usage, car seat misuse rate)
- OTS Crash Rankings
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool (FIRST)
- The Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS)
- UC Berkeley, SafeTREC - Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS)
- The California Driving Under the Influence Management Information System (DUI-MIS)

How to Apply

- Application period closes January 31, 2025 for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (Oct. 1, 2025 to Sept. 30, 2026).
- New application period is every December.
- Most program areas offer a templated grant application.
- Apply online: <https://www.ots.ca.gov/grants/gems/>

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Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants



Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ❖ Eligible planning projects **must have a transportation nexus** per Article XIX Sections 2 and 3 of the California Constitution
- ❖ Planning projects are expected to **directly benefit the multimodal transportation system**
- ❖ Intended to strengthen the **economy, promote equity, and protect the environment**
- ❖ Results of these grants should **lead to the programming and implementation of transportation improvement projects**

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

Caltrans
Strategic Plan
2020-2024

California
Transportation
Plan (CTP) 2050

Modal Plans
Supporting the
CTP 2050

Strategic
Highway
Safety Plan

Title VI and
Environmental
Justice

Climate Action
Plan for
Transportation
Infrastructure

California
Climate
Adaptation
Strategy

Master Plan for
Aging

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Sustainable Communities Competitive

- ❖ \$17 million
- ❖ State-funded primarily through SB 1

Climate Adaptation Planning Grants

- ❖ \$3.7 million
- ❖ State-funded by a one-time augmentation through SB 198

Strategic Partnerships Grants

- ❖ \$4.5 million
- ❖ Federally-funded through the Federal Highway Administration & the Federal Transit Administration

Sustainable Communities



PURPOSE

Funds local and regional **multimodal transportation and land use planning** projects that further the region's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy/Alternative Planning Strategy (SCS/APS) (where applicable), **contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, address the needs of under-resourced communities,** and **assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Objectives.**

*Program goal: 50% of Competitive grants to benefit Under-Resourced Communities, as defined in Grant Application Guide, Appendix A

Sustainable Communities



ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING

ELIGIBLE PRIMARY APPLICANTS

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) **with sub-applicants**
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs)
- Transit Agencies
- Cities and Counties
- Native American Tribal Governments
- Other Public Transportation Planning Entities

ELIGIBLE SUB-APPLICANTS

- Primary applicants
- Universities and Community Colleges
- Community-Based Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3)
- Other Public Entities

STATE FUNDS

Competitive Budget: \$17M

- \$3M Technical Set-Aside
- Up to \$2M Set-Aside for Native American Tribal Governments

Grant Minimum: \$50,000 (Under-Resourced Communities & Tribes), \$100,000 for all others

Grant Maximum: \$700,000

Match Requirement: 11.47% min.

- No match requirement for Native American Tribal Governments

Climate Adaptation Planning

PURPOSE

Funds local and regional **identification of transportation-related climate vulnerabilities** through the **development of climate adaptation plans**, as well as **project-level climate adaptation planning** to **identify adaptation projects and strategies for transportation infrastructure**.

*Program goal: 50% of grants to benefit Underserved Communities, as defined in Grant Application Guide, Appendix A

Climate Adaptation Planning

ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING

ELIGIBLE PRIMARY APPLICANTS

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs)
- Transit Agencies
- Cities and Counties
- Native American Tribal Governments
- Joint Exercise of Powers Authority
- Local Transportation Authority

ELIGIBLE SUB-APPLICANTS

- Primary applicants
- Universities and Community Colleges
- Community-Based Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3)
- Other Public Entities

STATE FUNDS

Budget: \$3.7M

- Up to \$1M Set-Aside for Native American Tribal Governments

Grant Minimum: \$100,000

Grant Maximum: \$1M (single applicant), \$1.5M (considered for partnership applications)

Match Requirement: 11.47% min.

- No match requirement for Native American Tribal Governments

Strategic Partnerships



PURPOSE

Funds transportation planning studies in **partnership with Caltrans** that address the regional, interregional and statewide needs of the **State highway system**, and assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Objectives. **A sub-category funds transit-focused planning** projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies.

Strategic Partnerships

ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING



ELIGIBLE PRIMARY APPLICANTS

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs)
- Transit Agencies – eligible for Transit Sub-Category (FTA 5304)

ELIGIBLE SUB-APPLICANTS

- Primary applicants
- Transit Agencies
- Cities and Counties
- Universities and Community Colleges
- Native American Tribal Governments
- Community-Based Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3)
- Other Public Entities

FEDERAL FUNDS

FHWA SPR Part I

- Budget: \$1.5M
- Grant Minimum: \$100,000
- Grant Maximum: \$500,000
- Match Requirement: 20%

FTA Section 5304 (Transit Sub-Category)

- Budget: \$3M
- Grant Minimum:
 - \$75,000 for RTPAs & Transit Agencies
 - \$100,000 for MPOs
- Grant Maximum: \$500,000
- Match Requirement: 11.47%

FY 2025-26 Grant Schedule

October 24, 2024

Release FY 2025-26 Grant Application Guide and Call-for-Applications

January 22, 2025

Grant application deadline at 5 p.m.

Winter/Spring 2025

Application evaluation and management approval of grant recommendations

Summer 2025

Grant award announcement

June 2028

Grant projects must be completed, and grant funds expire

FY 2025-26 Grant Application Guide

APPLICATION GUIDE & LINK TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

The FY 2025-26 Grant Application Guide is available on the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants website (URL on next slide).

- ❖ Additional application resources and templates also available on the website.

Link to submit grant application submittal portal via Smartsheet:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/17dbbf489ea7409094b94f9a130d3fb2>

[Subscribe to the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Email List](#)

The image shows the cover of a document titled "Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants". At the top left, it says "CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING". To the right are the Caltrans logo and the SB1 logo. Below this is a teal banner with the text "SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS". Underneath, it says "Fiscal Year 2025-26" and "GRANT APPLICATION GUIDE". Below that, it lists the focus areas: "Sustainable Communities, Strategic Partnerships and Climate Adaptation Planning". At the bottom, a box contains the text: "Grant Application Deadline January 22, 2025" and "Submit Application via [Smartsheet Form](#)".

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Website

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/regional-and-community-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants>

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Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 9

January 2025



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Program Overview

Program Vision:

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program funds infill projects that reduce **Greenhouse Gas (GHG)** emissions and **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)** through sustainable land use, housing, and transportation practices.



AHSC Funding

Funding Source: 20% of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) auction proceeds through 2030

Funding Availability:

- Round 7 ~\$750M
- Round 8 ~\$750M
- Round 9 ~\$775M

Minimum & Maximum Award:

- Minimum \$10M*, Maximum \$50M
 - \$35M cap for housing (AHD and HRI)
 - \$15M cap for transportation (STI)

* Proposed \$1M minimum for tribes



What does AHSC fund?

- **AHD: Affordable Housing Developments**
 - Rental Projects (loan)
 - Homeownership Projects (grant)
- **HRI: Housing-Related Infrastructure**
 - Infrastructure improvements as required as Condition of Approval
 - Factory built housing components
 - On-site energy storage (battery arrays)
- **STI: Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure**
 - Transit, Bikeways, Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps Bike Parking, Bus Shelters, Urban Greening, Lighting
- **PGM: Programs (3 years)**
 - Active Transportation Programs, Transit Ridership Programs, Air Pollution Reduction Programs, Workforce Development Programs, Low-Income Car Share, Tenant Legal Counseling

Eligible Active Transportation Elements

Partner with a developer to implement STI and/or PGM project elements such as:

- New or improved walkways/bikeways that improve mobility and access of pedestrians/cyclists
- Repaving and road reconstruction (where the new or improved walkway and bikeway is installed)
- Streetscape improvements (e.g., lighting, signage, wayfinding markers, etc.)
- Street crossing enhancements such as new or improved pedestrian crossings or over-crossings, accessible ramps, and pedestrian signals
- Bike sharing infrastructure and fleet
- Street furniture (e.g., benches, shade structures, etc.)
- Publicly accessible bicycle parking or repair kiosks
- Bicycle carrying devices on public transit



Project Threshold

- Demonstration of Site Control
- Developer Experience & Capacity*
- No Active or Pending Litigation
- Committed Funding Threshold
- Discretionary Land Use Approvals
- All Electric Design
- Internet Service to Each Restricted Unit
- Existing Qualifying Transit or High Quality Transit stop within ½ mile of AHD
- Sustainable Communities Strategy Implementation
- At least one STI and one AHD and/or HRI Component*



** Items modified in Draft Round 9*

Scoring Criteria

AHSC is a competitive program. Scoring is based on a 100-point scale and no project is expected to get full points.

- **GHG Reduction Scoring (30 Points)**
- **Quantitative Policy Scoring (QPS) (50 Points)**
- **Narrative-Based Policy Scoring (20 Points)**



Project Award Goals

Projects are awarded based on highest score and in alignment with the following statutory and Council targets.

- 35% to Transit Oriented Developments (TOD)
- 35% to Integrated Connectivity Projects (ICP)
- 10% to Rural Innovation Project Areas (RIPA)
- At least 50% to Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
- At least 50% to housing
- At least one tribal project*
- At least one project in each of the 8 geographic areas

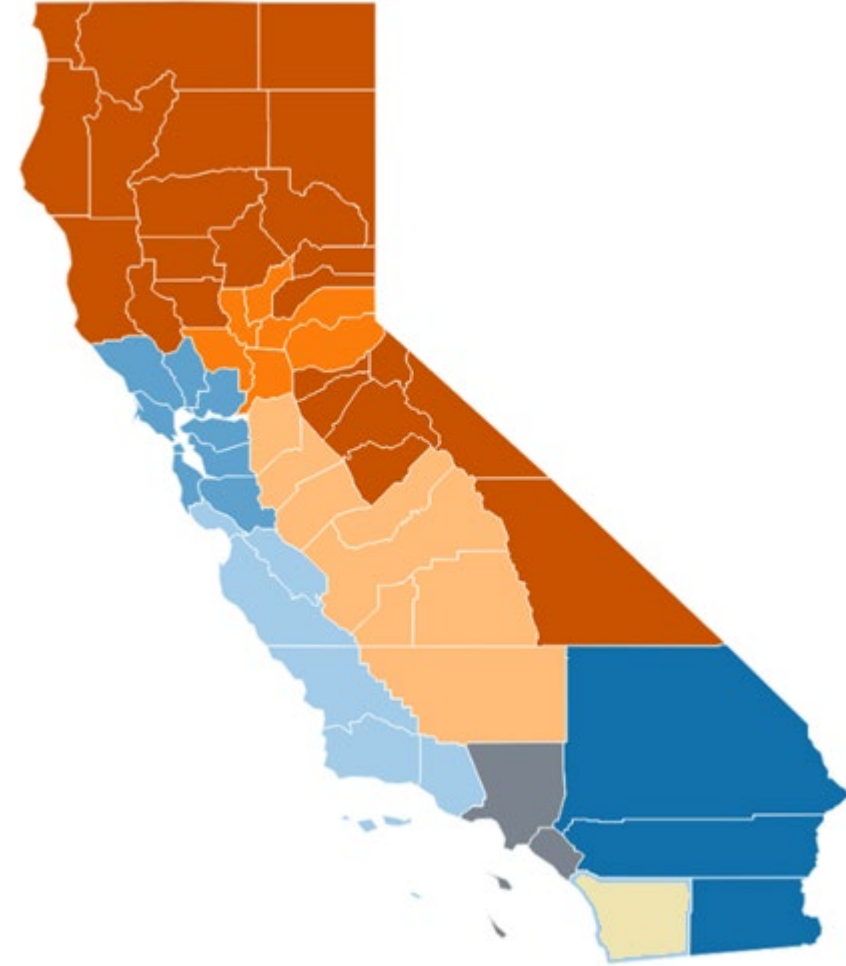
None of these set-asides are mutually exclusive

**Proposing modification for Round 9*

Project Award Goals

At least one project in each of the following 8 geographic areas:

- **Central Coast**: Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Ventura
- **Coastal Southern California**: Los Angeles, Orange
- **Inland Southern California**: Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino
- **North State & Sierras**: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne
- **Sacramento Area**: El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba
- **San Diego Area**: San Diego
- **San Francisco Bay Area**: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma
- **San Joaquin Valley**: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare



Round 9 Timeline

Release of Round 9 Final Guidelines	Mid February 2025
Council adoption of Round 9 Final Guidelines	Late February 2025
Release of NOFA and Application	March 2025
Application Deadline	May 2025
Council adoption of Round 9 Awards	December 2025

Next Steps

SGC Website

- Past & Current Program Guidelines
- Quantification Methodology
- Past Project Fact Sheets & Awards
- Workshop Recordings
- Request for Technical Assistance

Starting point: sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/

Questions: ahsc@sgc.ca.gov



ZERO IS OUR GOAL
A SAFE SYSTEM IS HOW WE GET THERE

Introduction to Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
Planning and Demonstration Grants
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of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**



Program Overview



- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026.
- The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- Almost \$2 billion is still available for future funding rounds.
- The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Roadway Safety Strategy and our goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach.
- Combining the FY22, FY23, and FY24 awards to date, SS4A has provided \$2.9 billion in Federal funding to over 1,600 communities in all 50 States and Puerto Rico. Through this important funding source, USDOT is empowering Tribal, local, and regional efforts to save lives and reduce serious injuries on our roadways.

Program Overview



- California has received the majority of the SS4A grants in all rounds, totaling over **\$470 million** of the SS4A funding going to the local agencies.
- Includes **about 180** Planning and Demonstration Grants totaling over **\$140 million** and **25** Implementation Grants totaling **over \$327 million** in California.

Funding Opportunities & How to Apply



- Next Opportunity: Fiscal Year 2025

The fiscal year (FY) 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All program closed on August 29, 2024.

- The FY25 NOFO is expected to be released before the end of March 2025.
- How to Apply: [How to Apply for the SS4A Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

Resources



Home Page:

[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

The following resources are intended to help interested stakeholders prepare to apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant and conduct project planning and activities if awarded SS4A funding.

SS4A Application Aids

Application Materials

- Budget Templates: [Implementation Grant Estimated Budget](#) and [Planning and Demonstration Grant Estimated Budget](#)
- [Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet](#)
- [Standard Forms for Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants](#)

More Resources



Checklists, Guidance, and Instructions

- [Action Plan Components](#) (from NOFO Table 1)
- Application Checklists: [Implementation Grant Checklist](#) and [Planning and Demonstration Grant Checklist](#)
- [Calculating Average Annual Fatality Rate](#)
- [Calculating Percentage of Population in Underserved Communities](#)
- [Costs and Contracting Fact Sheet](#)
- [Crosswalk: SS4A and Safety Plan Templates](#)
- [Matching Funds for SS4A Grants](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) 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 \(SF\) Fact Sheet](#)

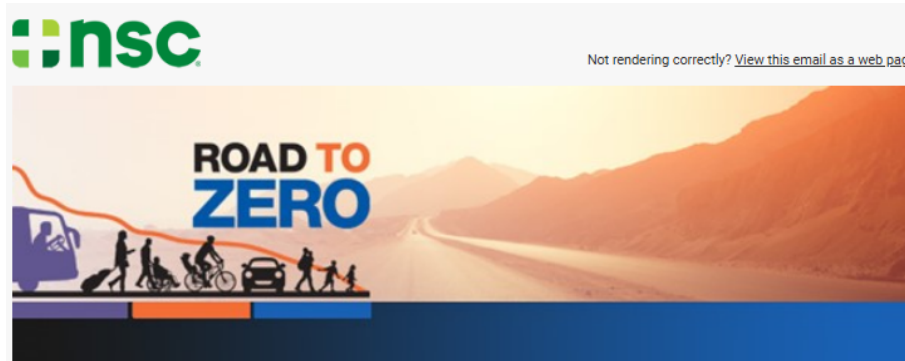
For further application guidance, visit the [How to Apply](#) page and read the [FY24 SS4A NOFO](#).



Q & A time



Grant & Training Opportunity



Deadline Extended: Apply Now for New Road to Zero Community Traffic Safety Grants

Applications for our **2025 Road to Zero Community Traffic Safety Grants**, funded by NHTSA, are now due by Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, 11:59 p.m. Eastern.

APPLY NOW»

Use the resources below to prepare your application so you don't miss out on this once-a-year funding opportunity:

- Check out [this overview of the 2025 grant requirements](#) (Note: this document does not reflect the new deadline of Jan. 31)
- [See our guidelines and read up on the work of previous grantees](#)
- [Watch presentations by our 2023 grantees](#)
- Email roadtozero@nsc.org with additional questions

Navigating Discretionary Grant Programs Webinar – March 6th

January 15, 2025 by Caltrans Division of Local Assistance



March 6, 2025
8:30 am – 12:00 pm PT

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance (DLA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) California Division are providing a free webinar on the implementation of Discretionary Grant Programs. Gain crucial insights into the processes and procedures with a spotlight on programs managed by the Caltrans DLA Office of Federal Programs (OFFP).

During the free webinar, OFFP and FHWA subject matter experts will cover key topics:

- Discretionary Program Process
- Getting Started with Discretionary Grant Awarded Project
- The Direct Recipient Option versus the Caltrans Passthrough Option
- Required Project Agreements
- Project Obligation and Expenditure Deadlines
- Grant Kickoff Meeting

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Thank You!