

Safe Routes to School: Project Identification Program

Planning Assistance Overview

HOW MANY COMMUNITIES ARE OR WILL BE SERVED?

We anticipate that the next program will serve up to 20 communities. The 2021-2022 program served 20 communities (see our [interactive map](#)).

WHO CAN APPLY?

Tribes, school districts, publicly funded jurisdictions, cities, counties, transit districts, and other road authorities may apply.

WHAT WILL THE COMMUNITY GET OUT OF THE PROGRAM?

Consultant services will assist the community (representatives from the school/district and local road authority) to identify street safety needs near one school or a cluster of schools feeding into the same middle or high school. Recommendations will focus on all streets within a quarter-mile of the school, as well as critical issues within a mile of the school.

The outcome of each Project Identification Program process will be a **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan for each school or cluster of schools** that outlines street safety and education needs to address barriers to students walking/biking to school and provides information needed to apply for the ODOT SRTS Competitive or Rapid Response Construction Grants.

A Comprehensive Approach

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs usually start by identifying barriers to students walking and rolling in your community. Solutions to overcome these barriers may include community engagement, walk/bike safety education for students, building safe places for kids to walk and roll such as sidewalks and safe street crossings, and more. ODOT has programs and grants to help you get started!

- [Education grants](#) for all levels and planning services (applications due in early 2022)
- [Construction grants](#) and [project identification services](#) (applications due in early 2022)
- [Planning and technical assistance](#) (year-round options available)
- [Exciting programs](#) for schools and students (year-round options available)



LEARN MORE AND GET IN TOUCH!

- **SRTS Project Identification Program:**
<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS-Project-Identification-Program.aspx>
- **Contact: LeeAnne Ferguson**
leeanne.fergason@odot.state.or.us
503-910-8994

Safe Routes to School: Project Identification Program

Construction Program Overview

\$10 million (\$15 million starting in 2023) Safe Routes to School Construction funds are allocated annually to three programs:



This one-pager focuses on the Project Identification Program. For information about Rapid Response and Competitive Grants, visit the SRTS Program website: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS.aspx



How to Apply

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Application materials can be found on ODOT's SRTS website starting January 2021.

FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 18, 2022*:
Project Identification Application

SUMMER 2021*:
Application Review and
Funding Decision

**Dates are approximate and will be final by January 2022.*

Project Selection

WHAT KINDS OF APPLICATIONS ROSE TO THE TOP FOR THIS SERVICE?

A competitive application will have some of the following criteria:

- Have a population under 50,000 with a high percentage of low-income households
- High percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch
- Road authority will have few to no planners on staff
- These criteria will be present at a street near the school:
 - a. High posted speed
 - b. Crossing distance greater than 30 feet
 - c. High average daily vehicles at project location
 - d. One or more school related crashes
- Affects pre-kindergarten, elementary, or middle school students
- Safety need proximity to the school

ALTHOUGH WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY A CONSULTANT, A SELECTED COMMUNITY WILL:

- Submit a commitment to participate from the road authority and the affected school
- Participate in Project Management Team meetings
- Participate in field visit outreach and field visit

Oregon Department of Transportation
Safe Routes to School



Safe Routes to School: Construction and Rapid Response Grants

Competitive Construction Grant Program: Engineering Projects

HOW MUCH IS AVAILABLE?

The 2023-2024 grant cycle will distribute approximately \$26 million. The 2021-2022 Competitive Grant cycle distributed \$28 million ([interactive map](#)).

WHO CAN APPLY?

Tribes, cities, counties, transit districts, and other road authorities may apply.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Safety projects that positively affect the ability of children to walk and bicycle to school. Projects must be within a public road right-of-way, consistent with jurisdictional plans, supported by the school or school district, within a one-mile radius of a school, and be able to be constructed within 5 years of the application.

Project examples include sidewalks, median refuge islands, rapid flashing beacons, etc. The minimum funding request is \$60,000 and the maximum funding is \$2 million.

How to Apply

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Application materials can be found on ODOT's SRTS website starting January 2022.

FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 18, 2022*: Application Part 1 due	MAY 1 – JULY 31, 2022*: Application Part 2 due
<i>*Dates are approximate and will be final by January 2022.</i>	

A Comprehensive Approach

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs usually start by identifying barriers to students walking and rolling in your community. Solutions to overcome these barriers may include community engagement, walk/bike safety education for students, building safe places for kids to walk and roll such as sidewalks and safe street crossings, and more. ODOT has programs and grants to help you get started!

- [Education grants](#) for all levels and planning services (applications due in early 2022)
- [Construction grants](#) and [project identification services](#) (applications due in early 2022)
- [Planning and technical assistance](#) (year-round options available)
- [Exciting programs](#) for schools and students (year-round options available)

LEARN MORE AND GET IN TOUCH!

- **SRTS Competitive Construction Program:**
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Programs/Pages/SRTS-Competitive-Infrastructure-Grant.aspx>
- **Contact: LeeAnne Ferguson**
leeanne.fergason@odot.state.or.us
503-910-8994

Safe Routes to School: Construction and Rapid Response Grants

Construction Program Overview

\$10 million (\$15 million starting in 2023) Safe Routes to School Construction funds are allocated annually to three programs:



This one-pager focuses on the Competitive Construction Program. For information about the Project Identification Program, visit the SRTS Program website: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS.aspx



UPDATED OCTOBER 2021

WHAT IS THE MATCH REQUIREMENT?

40% cash match is required unless the project meets the population, equity, or safety criteria for reduced match of 20%. More information on the reduced match criteria can be found on the SRTS website.

WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS WILL RISE TO THE TOP FOR FUNDING?

For the 2023-2024 round of funds, some of the top priorities included:

- Equity: schools with a high percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch
- Safety: areas where risk factors such as high speeds, long crossing distances, cash history, and/or high vehicle volumes exist.
- Pre-kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle Schools: project around schools serving any combination of preK-8 education

Available Now! Rapid Response Grants

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

The 2021-2022 Rapid Response Grants are still available and will distribute \$3 million.

WHO CAN APPLY AND WHEN?

Tribes, cities, counties, transit districts, and other road authorities may apply at any time.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS-Rapid-Response-Grant-Program.aspx>

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

The same eligibility criteria as Competitive Grants plus:

- **A recent crash occurred** in the last twenty-four months involving a pedestrian or a bicyclist and the pedestrian/bicyclist was injured, seriously injured, or killed and the proposed project specifically addresses this incident effectively and cost effectively, **or**
- **an urgent opportunity arises** which means that something substantial and unexpected has changed and must be addressed before the next Competitive Grant cycle.

Project examples include sidewalks, median refuge islands, rapid flashing beacons, etc. **The maximum funding request is \$500,000.**

Oregon Department of Transportation
Safe Routes to School

