



Safe Routes to School: Education Programs

Education Resources and Grant Opportunities

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) refers to efforts that improve street conditions, educate and encourage children to safely walk (by foot or mobility device) or bike to school.

ODOT has two main types of SRTS education programs: local grants and technical assistance. These programs focus on education, and engagement to assure awareness and safe use of walking and biking routes. These efforts prioritize underserved communities.

2020-2022 FUNDED EDUCATION GRANTEES

The public call for SRTS Education projects for the grant years of 2020-22 closed in May 2019. ODOT received 28 applications, totaling over \$4.4 million in funding requests. The amount available for allocation was \$2.3 million. Eleven new grantees were selected (see [interactive map](#)) through a competitive process that prioritized safety, equity, communication, collaboration and coordination.

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 Education Grant Program:**
<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS.aspx>
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What does “Safe Routes to School” mean for my community?

SRTS programs aim to create safe, healthy, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to use active transportation for the school commute.

Any community can promote SRTS by promoting livable, vibrant communities, increase physical activity, and improve conditions throughout the community to encourage safe walking, biking, scooting, skating and other mobility devices.

Successful SRTS programs also include a commitment to providing safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and reducing crash rates in all communities, including those with low-income families and non-English speakers

This one-pager focuses on the Education Program. For information about Infrastructure and Construction Grants, visit the SRTS Program website: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS.aspx



How to Apply

WHEN CAN MY COMMUNITY APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING?

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

FEBRUARY 1 -

MARCH 18, 2022*:
Education Grant
Application Due

SUMMER 2022*:
Application Review
and Funding Decision

OCTOBER 1, 2022*:
Funds allocated and
Grant Work Begins

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

WHAT RESOURCES CAN I ACCESS NOW?

Resources and technical assistance can be found at <https://www.oregonsaferoutes.org/resources/>.

Eligible entities like schools, Tribes, city, county or state governing body, transit districts, and non-profits are encouraged to review the past grant application materials posted in 2019 to prepare for the next grant solicitation expected in early 2022 for programs starting in October 2022.

Free Resources: SRTS Education Hubs!

ODOT SRTS also offers Technical Assistance and support for local SRTS activities through our SRTS Education Hubs. The Hubs offer:

- www.oregonsaferoutes.org website with resources and tips
- Monthly practitioner webinar trainings on SRTS topics
- Monthly online meetings to share information and discuss challenges
- Monthly themes and activities to get families excited about walking + rolling – with free incentives and outreach materials
- Art contest, transportation safety campaigns, and much more!

Visit www.oregonsaferoutes.org/contact to connect with your local SRTS Education Hub or email us at info@OregonSafeRoutes.com for more information.