

# 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>
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## 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](http://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

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