

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>
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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:



■ Competitive Program: 87.5%
■ Rapid Response Program: 10%
■ Project Identification Program: 2.5%

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



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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.**

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