

Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A)

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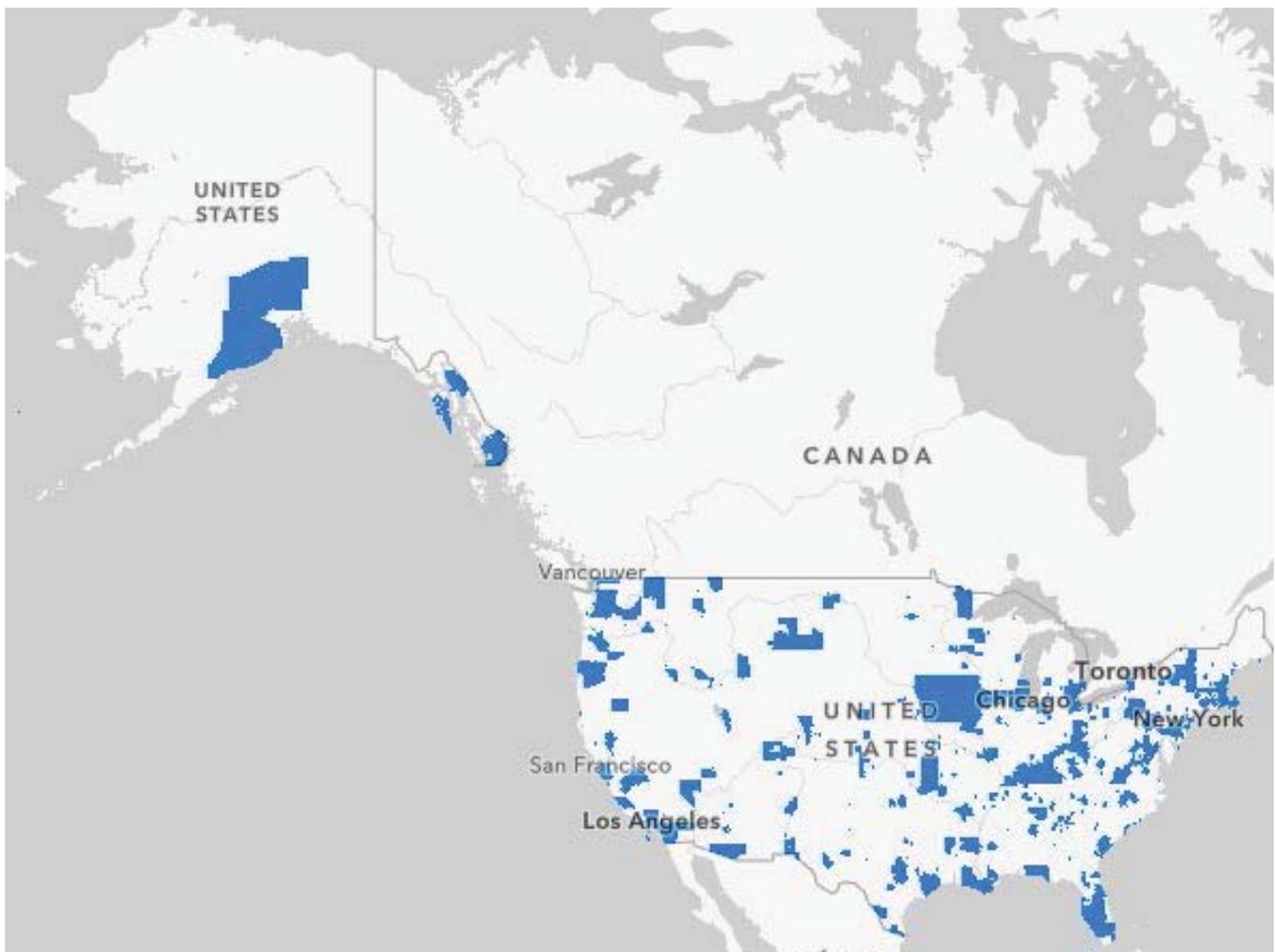
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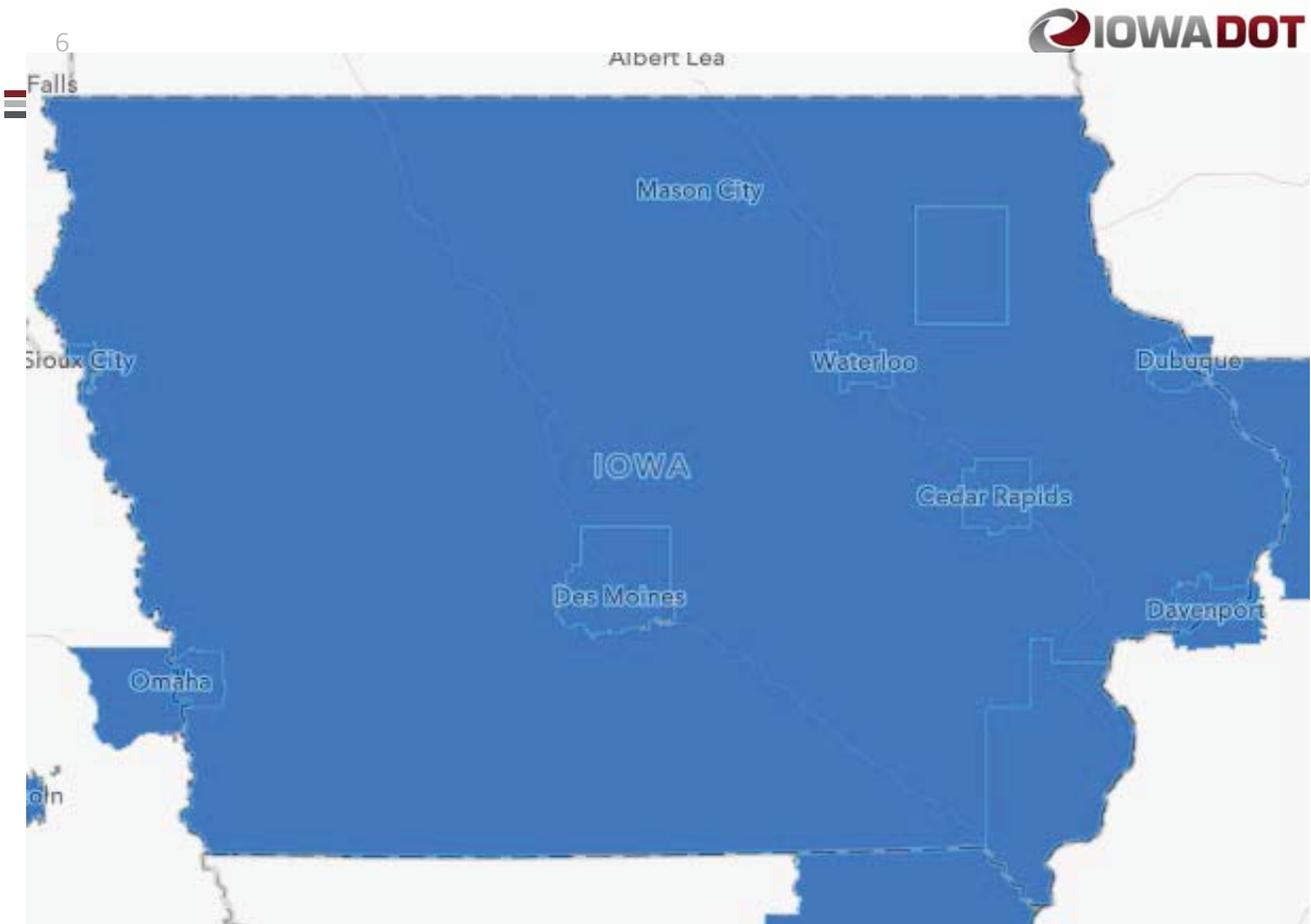
FY 22 SS4A Awards

- U.S. DOT announced FY 22 SS4A awards on Feb. 1, 2023
- \$800 million total for 510 projects
 - 473 Action/Supplemental Plan Grants (\$212,591,762.20)
 - 37 Implementation Grants (\$589,969,256.34)
- 257 Urban and 253 Rural Communities

FY 22 SS4A Not Awarded

- Implementation Grant project types only.
- Iowa
 - City of Clinton Intersection Safety Improvements Project
 - City of Davenport Goose Creek Corridor Multimodal Safety Improvements





Iowa Implementation Grant

- Fayette County (\$10,425,879)
 - Project components include shoulder widening, rumble strips, and low-cost treatments along 50 miles of roadway consistent with recommendations from Fayette County’s local road safety plan.

Iowa Action Plan Grants

- 9 Total
 - 7 MPOs
 - Bi-State (IL)
 - CMPO
 - DMAMPO
 - ECIA
 - INRCOG
 - MAPA (NE)
 - SIMPCO
 - 1 RPA
 - RPA 16
 - 1 Iowa County-wide (State)

Bi-State

- Project Title
Quad Cities, Kewanee & Muscatine-IL/IA Traffic Safety Action Plan(s)
- Project Description
The award will be used by the Bi-State Regional Commission to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$160,000
- Total Cost - \$200,000

Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Project Title
Safe Streets for All Action Plan Grant Application for Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization in Cedar Rapids, IA metro
- Project Description
The award will be used by the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$280,000
- Total Cost - \$350,000



Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Project Title
Des Moines Area MPO SS4A Action Plan *
- Project Description
The award will be used by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$1,000,000
- Total Cost - \$1,250,000



East Central Iowa Intergovernmental Association

- Project Title
Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study -
Comprehensive Safety Action Plan*
- Project Description
The award will be used by the East Central Intergovernmental Association to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$394,186.39
- Total Cost - \$492,733



Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments

- Project Title
Black Hawk County MPO Safety Action Plan
- Project Description
The award will be used by the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$48,000
- Total Cost - \$60,000



Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

- Project Title
SIMPCO MPO Safe Streets and Roads Safety Action Plan
- Project Description
The award will be used by the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$40,000
- Total Cost - \$50,000



Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

- Project Title
SS4A Action Planning Grant to Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
- Project Description
The award will be used by the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$750,000
- Total Cost - \$937,500



SEIRPC

- Project Title
Streets 4 Southeast Iowa
- Project Description
The award will be used by the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- Federal Funding – \$64,000
- Total Cost - \$80,000



Other Information

- The SS4A Initial Webinar for Grant Recipients describes next steps for grant recipients and Division Office staff. Topics include program overview, roles and responsibilities, key program requirements and preparing for the project kick-off meeting.
 - https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-03/SS4A-Initial-Webinar-for-Grant-Recipients_03-01-23.pdf
- [SS4A General Terms and Conditions](#)
- [SS4A Exhibits](#)
- [About SS4A Grants](#)

Types of SS4A Grants

- Action Plan Grant

- Developing a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan)
- Supplemental planning activities: conducting planning, design and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

- Implementation Grant:

- Carrying out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- Associated supplemental planning activities: conducting planning, design and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and Responsibilities: Office of the Secretary

• Office of the Secretary of Transportation:

- Administers the SS4A Discretionary Grant Program with assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and other USDOT Operating Administrations
- Lead responsibility for pre-selection process (and related activities), including:
 - Developing Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
 - Handling grant application intake process
 - Leading grant evaluation process
 - Finalizing grant selections
 - Notifying grant recipients and announcing selections
 - Notifying unsuccessful applicants and coordinating debriefs

Roles and Responsibilities: FHWA

• Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):

- Focuses on post-selection grant agreement execution, grant administration, and stewardship and oversight of the grants.
 - **Office of Safety, SS4A Team:** Manages the SS4A Grant Program, supports FHWA Division Offices, and coordinates closely with the Office of the Secretary, provides technical assistance to grant recipients.
 - **Office of Acquisition and Grant Management:** Responsible for the budget and contractual components of the SS4A grants in consultation with Office of Safety and FHWA Division Offices.
 - **Office of Infrastructure:** Develops and maintains the stewardship and oversight framework for administering projects supported by the SS4A grants.
 - **Division Offices:** Serve as the principal FHWA point of contact for grant recipient, work with grant recipient to develop grant agreement, facilitate project implementation consistent with requirements and desired outcomes, and implement stewardship and oversight framework.

Roles and Responsibilities: Grant Recipient

- **Grant Recipient:**

- Works with FHWA Division Office to complete grant agreement
- Manages and delivers the project and is solely responsible for compliance with:
 - Grant agreement, including terms and conditions and exhibits
 - 2 CFR part 200
 - Additional legal requirements that may apply
- Periodically reports to FHWA on project progress and performance measures

Roles and Responsibilities in Grant Agreement Execution Process

- **Division Office & Grant Recipient:**

- Work together to develop grant agreement, adhering to approved grant agreement template
- Submit grant agreement to Office of Acquisition and Grants Management for review and later sign the grant agreement

- **Office of Acquisition and Grants Management:**

- Conduct 2 CFR part 200 risk assessment
- Conduct 2 CFR part 200 budget review
- When all steps are complete, grant agreement package is presented to FHWA Agreement Officer (AO) for review and final approval
- AO signs grant agreement, executing it
 - Obligates Federal grant funding
 - Permits grant recipient to begin work on project and begin incurring costs

Budget Review Process

- Office of Acquisition and Grants Management, in coordination with the FHWA Division Office, will determine whether grantees require a supplemental budget form and will inform them only if the form is required
- The vast majority of Action Plan Grants – and some Implementation Grants – are NOT expected to require the submission of a supplemental budget form
 - Grants less than \$1 million in Federal grant funding
 - Others will require a screening to determine whether a supplemental budget form is required

Key Program Requirements

Uniform Guidance Requirements: 2 CFR part 200

- Where to find 2 CFR part 200: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II>
- FHWA National Highway Institute (NHI) offers a free, self-paced, online training on 2 CFR part 200:
 - Understanding the Uniform Guidance Requirements (2 CFR 200) for Federal Awards (course number FHWA-NHI-231034): https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&key=2%20cfr%20200&sf=0&course_no=231034
 - Target Audience for the training: State DOTs, regional and local transportation agencies, and FHWA division and program staff. This course is important for any staff involved with Federal-aid projects and grants, including staff who support the management of finance, grants, programs, and projects.

Grant Agreement Required

- Per 2 CFR § 200.201(a), FHWA has determined that each project (Action Plan or Implementation) requires a grant agreement between FHWA and the Recipient to authorize the recipient to proceed.
- The grant agreement, including terms and conditions and exhibits, outlines the Federal requirements for the funded project.
- For Implementation Grants, the executed grant agreement serves as the mechanism to authorize SS4A funds for preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, or construction.

Grant Agreement Execution

- Reimbursable work on the grant project shall not begin until the grant agreement is executed (signed by both the grant recipient and the FHWA Agreement Officer).
- Costs incurred prior to execution of the grant agreement are NOT ELIGIBLE for reimbursement and may not be used as matching funds.
 - Any work incurred prior to execution of the grant agreement will be considered non-participating funds.
- Requests for pre-award costs will not be approved in this first grant cycle.
- Recipient procurement procedures must conform to procurement standards identified in 2 CFR §§ 200.317-200.327

Reimbursement Program

- **Reimbursement:** As indicated in the NOFO, this program will be administered on a reimbursement basis.
 - Costs incurred to carry out activities proposed in the application, which may commence after the grant agreement is executed, will be eligible for reimbursement.

Cost Sharing and Matching

- The local matching share shall be **no less than 20 percent** of eligible activity costs.
- All matching funds must be from non-Federal sources unless specifically authorized by Congress, and could include in-kind contributions (following grant agreement execution), funding from the applicant, or other SS4A-eligible non-Federal sources partnering with the applicant.
- Unless otherwise authorized by statute, non-Federal cost-share may not be counted as the non-Federal share for both the SS4A grant and another Federal grant program.
- Learn more about cost sharing or matching in the Code of Federal Regulations' uniform guidance on match requirements (2 CFR § 200.306) and in SS4A Match and Cost Share Examples (<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/match-and-cost-share-examples>)

Expenditure of Federal Grant Funds

- All SS4A grant funds must be expended within 5 years of grant agreement execution.
 - Action Plan Grants: expected to be completed within 1-2 years of grant agreement execution.
 - Implementation Grants: funds must be expended within 5 years of grant agreement execution.

Parameters for State Involvement

- States are not eligible applicants for SS4A grants.
- SS4A grant agreements are directly between FHWA and the grant recipient.
 - SS4A grant agreements are not with State DOTs.
 - A state DOT cannot serve as a pass-through entity for these awards.
- However, a grant recipient may choose to work with a State DOT and provide SS4A grant funding to State DOTs to assist in the execution of the grant activities separately from the grant agreement. But the SS4A recipient retains responsibility for ensuring completion of the grant activities and for compliance with the terms of the grant award and federal requirements.
 - Under 2 CFR § 200.331, the recipient must determine whether such arrangement is contractual, such as an interagency agreement, or a subgrant. As provided at 2 CFR § 200.300(b), the recipient is responsible for compliance with all Federal requirements applicable to the award. States will not have direct funding relationships with USDOT.