# Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program Facts

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** program provides grants to local, regional, and Tribal communities for implementation, planning, and demonstration activities as part of a systematic approach to prevent deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways.

This roadway safety program was created by the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** and provides $5 billion over 5 years. The funding helps communities address the preventable crisis of deaths on our nation's roads, streets, and highways through safer people, roads, and vehicles; appropriate vehicle speeds; and improved post-crash care.

The SS4A program funds two types of grants:

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- **Planning and Demonstration Grants** for Comprehensive Safety Action Plans, including supplemental safety planning and demonstration activities to inform an Action Plan.
- **Implementation Grants** to implement strategies or projects identified in an existing Action Plan.

**SS4A is exclusively designed to help local communities.** There are three remaining funding rounds, including the round currently open in 2024.

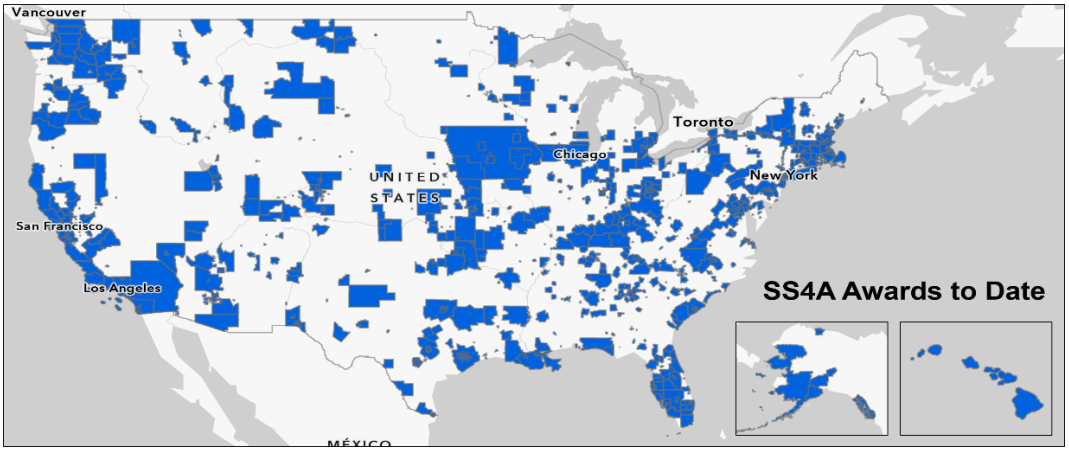
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## SS4A grants are already making an impact nationwide

- In the first two years of funding, USDOT awarded **$1.7 billion** to over **1,000 communities** across **all 50 states and Puerto Rico.**
- Awarded communities comprise about **70% of the nation's population**.
- SS4A funds to improve roadway safety planning have been awarded to localities that make up 61% of all roadway fatalities.
- Projects and activities will significantly **improve safety for all people using the road** in those communities, including drivers, passengers, pedestrians, bicyclists, people using transit, and people with disabilities.

Awards reach communities of all different sizes and safety needs:

- **Rural communities** comprise around half of all grant award recipients to date.
- 465 communities (41% of award recipients) have **populations under 50,000**.
- 382 award recipients (75%) in the first year were **new direct Federal funding recipients to USDOT**.
- Over half of funds will **benefit underserved communities**, providing equitable investment to places that need funding the most.



## SS4A amplifies our impact by working across government and with external partners

The SS4A program collaborates within USDOT, and with outside organizations that are committed to roadway safety, to disseminate program information and build capacity to help communities apply for grants and successfully implement grant activities.

- Coordinated technical assistance and promotion efforts focus on advancing roadway safety in rural areas, Tribal communities, and places in the Thriving Communities network. **In the past 2 years, USDOT staff directly reached communities in every state.**
- USDOT works with **trusted non-governmental organizations and partners** that understand communities' roadway safety challenges and needs. These partners include organizations such as the Local Infrastructure Hub, National League of Cities, National Association of County Engineers, League of American Bicyclists, Vision Zero Network, Rural Partners Network, Urban Sustainability Directors Network, and Emergency Medical Services groups, and events like the National Transportation in Indian Country Conference.

## SS4A helps applicants compete for funding based on merits, not technical capacity

Applying for Federal discretionary grants is new for some communities—many of which may not have a team of grant writers on their staff. The SS4A program works with applicants throughout the evaluation process to ensure that they have complete and accurate information and are not disqualified due to an administrative error during the submission process.

- In the second funding year (FY23), SS4A conducted **follow-up outreach to 85% of applicants (roughly 600 communities)** to provide opportunities to address missing application elements and program requirements. As a result, **almost no applicant was turned away** because of an incomplete application.
- For those who are unsuccessful, SS4A offers a detailed debrief to help applicants develop more successful applications in future rounds. SS4A conducted approximately **130 debrief interviews** in January and February of 2024.

## SS4A award recipients receive extra support to ensure successful grant administration

After awards are made, the SS4A program continues to help communities be successful in developing, executing, and administering grant agreements.

- A streamlined grant process was developed to help finalize and sign grant agreements as quickly as possible, even for communities that have never received grant funding from USDOT. **Of the 511 award recipients** in the first round announced in February of 2022, **over 90% have executed grant agreements** in place and initial **funding amounts obligated.**
- A Technical Assistance Center was established to support grant recipients with training and technical assistance, including how to comply with Federal requirements and how to develop Comprehensive Safety Action Plans.
- A Community of Practice was created to help grant recipients learn from each other across the 1,000+ communities that have received awards to date.

# The next funding opportunity is open now!

The fiscal year (FY) 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants opened in February 2024. The FY 2024 NOFO has multiple deadlines, depending on the grant type:

- **April 4, 2024**, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.
- **May 16, 2024**, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.
- **August 29, 2024**, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes.