

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Review of Fiscal Year 26 Funded Projects

Objective

This document provides an analysis of the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) Program’s funded projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. This program funds projects that implement planning, infrastructure, and behavioral and operational initiatives to prevent fatalities and serious injuries on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators

Program Summary

Applicants can seek funding for either Planning and Development Grants to develop a Safety Action Plan or carry out demonstration activities to inform the development or update of a Safety Action Plan or for Implementation Grants to fund roadway safety projects and strategies identified in an existing Safety Action Plan.

Potential Implementation Grant applicant may submit a pre-application that consists of a [Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet](#) and links or attachments to any referenced plan(s) to determine whether the applicant has an existing plan or plans that are substantially similar to an Action Plan, which is required to apply for an Implementation Grant. A pre-application eligibility review request must submit all needed materials, including relevant documentation, to receive an eligibility determination by DOT. Please review page 11 of the NOFO for further information regarding pre-application eligibility review for Implementation Grants.

Application Deadline	<p>Planning and Demonstration Grant and Implementation Grant applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM EST on May 26, 2026, through ValidEval (linked).</p> <p>Technical questions must be submitted by 5:00 PM EST on April 24, 2026.</p> <p>Pre-application eligibility review requests must be submitted for Implementation Grants by 5:00 PM EST on April 24, 2026.</p>
Funding Overview	<p>For FY 2026:</p> <p>Total Funding: \$993,488,194</p> <p>Total Implementation Grants Funding: \$687,809,874</p> <p>» Minimum Award: \$2,500,000</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Maximum Award: \$25,000,000 <p>Total Planning and Demonstration Grants Funding: \$305,678,320</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Minimum Award: \$100,000 » Maximum Award: \$5,000,000
Eligible Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Develop a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan). » Conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan. » Carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan. » Perform planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan. » Implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems.
Cost Sharing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Recipients are required to contribute a local matching share of no less than 20% of total eligible project costs.
Priority Populations	<p>This opportunity places consideration merit on projects that benefit either rural communities or Areas of Persistent Poverty (APP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Jurisdictions outside an Urban Area (UA) or located within UAs with populations fewer than 200,000, based on the 2020 Census, will be considered rural. View rural eligibility here. » Areas of Persistent Poverty are defined as any county that has consistently had greater than or equal to 20 percent of the population living in poverty during the 30-year period preceding November 15, 2021, or; » Any census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2014 – 2018 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Bureau of the Census.

FY26 SS4A NOFO Application Status

The SS4A program is currently open and is accepting applications until May 26, 2026, for both funding tracks. To review further information and supplemental resources, please visit the [Department of Transportation SS4A homepage](#). If you have additional questions on this program, please submit a question to SS4A@dot.gov.

FY25 National-Level Summary

In FY25, 521 awards were announced, totaling \$982,231,998, including 454 Planning and Demonstration grants totaling \$295,723,850, and 67 Implementation grants totaling \$686,508,148.

Table 1. National vs. Maryland Award Data

National Level Data	Maryland Award Data
Average Implementation Award: \$10,246,390	Average Maryland Implementation Award: \$0
Average Planning and Demonstration Award: \$651,374	Average Planning and Demonstration Award: \$460,590
Total Awarded Funding: \$1,241,490,821	Total Maryland Funding: \$1,842,360

Summary of SS4A Awards Won in Maryland

For the FY25 SS4A funding cycle, grant applicants in Maryland received 4 Planning and Demonstration SS4A awards, for a total of \$1,842,360:

- » 1 applicant was considered a rural community.
- » 2 awards were received by County governments and 2 awards were received by the University of Maryland.
- » [Link](#) to the full FY25 Grant Awards

Table 2. Local- and County-Level Grant Awards

Local/County Recipient	Project Type	Awarded Funding	Project Name
Harford County	Planning and Demonstration	\$560,000	Harford County Highway Infrastructure Safety Engineering Studies
Talbot County	Planning and Demonstration	\$240,000	A Safety Action Plan for Talbot County
University of Maryland School of Medicine	Planning and Demonstration	\$642,360	Health Impact Collaborative – Enhancing Baltimore’s Safety Action Plan

University of Maryland, College Park	Planning and Demonstration	\$400,000	The City of College Park Safety Action Plan: Supplemental Funding to Study Micromobility Impacts
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In the history of the SS4A program, 41 applications have been awarded to applicants from the state of Maryland, totaling \$77,055,971.67. Of these, 37 were Planning and Demonstration (totaling \$26,784,400 in awards) and 4 were Implementation (totaling \$50,271,571.67 in awards).

Upcoming Application Technical Assistance Programming

The US DOT is offering further information on the SS4A program through upcoming webinars, with more information on currently planned webinars listed below:

SS4A Implementation Grants

This webinar offers a general overview of the SS4A Grant program, with a focus on how to apply for SS4A [Implementation Grants](#).

- » Webinar Date: April 7, 2026, from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. ET
- » [Click here to register for the Implementation Grant webinar](#)

SS4A Action Plans

This webinar offers a general overview of the SS4A Grant program, with a focus on how to apply for SS4A [Planning and Demonstration Grants](#) to develop or update [Comprehensive Safety Action Plans](#).

- » Webinar Date: April 9, 2026, from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. ET
- » [Click here to register for the Action Plan webinar](#)

SS4A Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities

This webinar offers a general overview of the SS4A program, with a focus on how to apply for [supplemental planning and demonstration activities](#) as part of either SS4A grant type – Planning and Demonstration Grants or Implementation Grants.

- » Webinar Date: April 14, 2026, from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. ET
- » [Click here to register for the Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities webinar](#)