

## About SS4A




The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) discretionary grant program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) goal of zero roadway deaths using a [Safe System Approach](#).

## Welcome

Welcome to the SS4A Q2 newsletter! We’re celebrating an exciting and productive past few months where USDOT has achieved significant milestones, including publishing the [FY24 NOFO](#) and the launch of the SS4A Clearinghouse website, a one-stop shop for technical assistance and resources. As you advance through the SS4A program steps and carry out your project activities, the Clearinghouse will help you find the information you need, when you need it. Learn more about the Clearinghouse on [page two of this newsletter](#) or visit the Clearinghouse website at [www.SS4AClearinghouse.org](http://www.SS4AClearinghouse.org).

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## What’s New?

The [FY24 NOFO](#) is open, and USDOT is accepting applications for Planning and Demonstration Grants until the third and final deadline on August 29, 2024, at 5:00pm (EDT). This year, approximately \$1.2 billion in funding is available over the three application deadlines, two of which have passed. For more information on how to apply, visit the [SS4A USDOT website](#).

## Share Your SS4A Grant Recipient Story



As SS4A grant recipients, you play a crucial role in reducing roadway deaths and injuries nationwide. We believe that sharing your experience can help us all learn from each other and make communities safer. We encourage you to reach out to your network, share your SS4A experience and the safety impact your project will have in your community, and encourage others to apply. Your advocacy and support can help save lives.

Excited to share your success in 300 to 500 words? Email us at [SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov](mailto:SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov) to share a success story (big or small!) that you would like to feature on the [SS4A Community of Practice webpage](#). Your insights could help other grant recipients and enrich everyone's learning experience.



## New SS4A Clearinghouse Website

Recognizing that SS4A is a first-of-its-kind program and that you need both roadway safety and grant administration support to successfully complete your projects, we have launched the SS4A Clearinghouse website, a tailored one-stop shop for SS4A grant recipient resources.

Through the Clearinghouse website, you can view SS4A training materials, register for upcoming events, watch past webinar recordings, stay up to date with industry happenings through blog posts and hot topic links, find answers to frequently asked questions, and review success stories.

The Clearinghouse also hosts a resource library, which includes SS4A and related materials for grants administration and roadway safety topics such as proven safety countermeasures, stakeholder engagement, data analysis, the Safe System Approach, and more!

### What can you find on the Clearinghouse?

- Resource library
- Roadway safety resources
- Grants management and 2 CFR Part 200 resources
- One-on-one technical assistance request form
- Frequently asked questions
- Past webinar and event recordings
- Blog posts and SS4A newsletters

Visit the Clearinghouse website: [www.SS4Aclearinghouse.org](http://www.SS4Aclearinghouse.org)



## Upcoming Event

**Community of Practice Meeting: Applying the Safe System Approach to SS4A**

**Virtual – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 2:30 – 3:30pm ET [Register Now](#)**

The Safe System Approach focuses on accommodating both human mistakes AND human vulnerability and designs a system with redundancies in place to protect everyone. During this webinar, FHWA will provide an in-depth review of the Safe System Approach and discuss how you can use the Safe System Approach to maximize safety benefits of your projects.





# New Resources and Trainings

## Community of Practice Meeting: 2 CFR Part 200 Procurement Standards

▶ [View the recording](#) (55 mins) -

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📄 [Access the slides](#)

This webinar focused on the procurement standards documented within 2 CFR Part 200. During the webinar, FHWA discussed general procurement standards, the importance of competition, procurement methods, affirmative steps to take during procurement, and contract provisions that apply to SS4A contracts.

## Community of Practice Peer Exchange: Rural Data Collection

📄 [Review meeting takeaways](#)

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a group of grant recipients met virtually to discuss noteworthy practices for finding and collecting data in rural communities and the most effective ways of utilizing existing data sources.

## SS4A Quarterly Reporting Overview Webinar

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During this webinar, members of the SS4A team reviewed quarterly reporting requirements for SS4A grant recipients, including the two quarterly reporting forms: Performance Progress Report (PPR) and Federal Financial Report (SF-425). They provided a high-level overview of the key parts, fields, and data required in each form.



## Technical Assistance Center Offering One-on-One Technical Assistance

📄 [Request assistance using this form.](#)

Do you want to maximize the impact of your SS4A grant? Do you need tailored support to tackle your SS4A challenges? Request one-on-one technical assistance from the SS4A program!

We can provide individualized, step-by-step support to complete your Actions Plans and Implementation projects for topics, such as:

- Data collection and analysis
- Applying proven safety countermeasures
- Project prioritization and more



## Key Resource

### SS4A Grant Recipient Roadmap

▶ [View the training video](#)

The SS4A Grant Recipient Roadmap video provides a high-level overview, exploring the activities, timing and outcomes of the four SS4A program steps:

- Onboarding
- Grant Agreement Execution
- Performing the Project Work, Getting Reimbursed and Reporting
- Project Closeout



Where can I find additional information?



The SS4A Clearinghouse website hosts a resource library carefully curated to support you in your SS4A journey.

If you have any requests or suggestions for trainings or resource topics, email us at

[SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov](mailto:SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov)





# Spotlight: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Roadway safety is a public health concern. By applying a public health lens to SS4A projects, you can better understand the broader impact of transportation on their community's health and ultimately create safer transportation system. As a SS4A grant recipient, you can leverage public health data and other resources to gain valuable insights to help address the intersection of transportation, safety, and community health.

SS4A is proud to collaborate with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to share resources that integrate public health and transportation. Check out some of CDC's resources on transportation safety below!

## CDC's Transportation Safety Program

CDC's Transportation Safety Program provides information and actionable resources that can help SS4A grant recipients make data-driven decisions to prevent crashes, injuries, and deaths on our nation's roads. Grant recipients can find out about using public health data, like [emergency department data](#), to help with planning, implementation, and evaluation of road safety efforts. Additionally, CDC provides [state and Tribal resources](#) as well as guides and reports on safety topics, such as [Tribal road safety](#), [pedestrian safety](#) and [bicycle safety](#), [child passenger safety](#), and more.

For more, explore CDC's [Transportation Safety website](#).

### Featured Resource





#### CDC's Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS)

This interactive [online database](#) provides fatal and nonfatal transportation-related injury data, cost of injury data, maps of injuries, and more. Explore the data at national, regional, and state levels, as well as some county-level maps. [Create tables](#) and [visualizations](#).

## CDC's Physical Activity Program - Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup>

Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup> is a national initiative led by CDC to help 27 million Americans become more physically active by 2027. [Learn more](#).

You can promote active living by advancing multi-modal transportation through improved infrastructure that is safe, easy, and appealing to use. This can be achieved by:

-  • Adopting new or improved plans and policies, such as Complete Streets and Safe Routes policies
-  • Promoting safe and convenient access to active transportation to everyday destinations
-  • Creating safer walkable and bikeable communities
-  • Reviewing what other communities are doing to increase transportation efficiency

To learn more about how communities can encourage active transportation, [review CDC's strategies](#) for physical activity through community design.

### Featured Resource

#### Be a Leader in Your Community

Learn [specific ways](#) you can promote active transportation across different sectors that represent your profession such as government or transportation.

#### Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup> Champions

Mayors and other Active People, Healthy Nation<sup>SM</sup> Champions can customize and adapt the [proclamation template](#) to show their support for creating activity-friendly communities.

