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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Positioning Your Organization for Competitive Funding

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TODAY'S AGENDA

01 | Understanding the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

02 | Preparing a competitive SS4A proposal

03 | Engaging with Grants Office services

04 | Q&A



Understanding Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)



Description

SS4A was established in 2021 by the Biden Administration as part of the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Funding works to reduce or eliminate roadway injuries and fatalities for all users – including motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, public transportation users, and commercial vehicle operators.

Projects should fit the unique needs of communities that differ dramatically in size, location, roadway safety needs, and experience with federal funding.

Funding Amount

A total of $993 million is available in FY26, for what is expected to be the final year of this program. Future funding requests are being made to Congress by the DOT. Cost share/match is 20%.

Deadline

May 26, 2026

Eligibility Notes

- Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).
- Political subdivisions of a State or territory (e.g., counties, cities, towns, special districts, certain transit agencies, and similar units of local government).
- Federally recognized Tribal governments.

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Two SS4A Application Types

Planning & Demonstration

For applicants who want/need to create a Safety Action Plan, edit an existing Safety Action Plan, and/or conduct safety demonstration activities.

Up to $305 million is set aside for this category. Applicants may request $100,000 to $5 million. Between 400 and 700 awards are anticipated.

2026 Priorities: Budget Costs, High Fatality Rates, No prior SS4A funding

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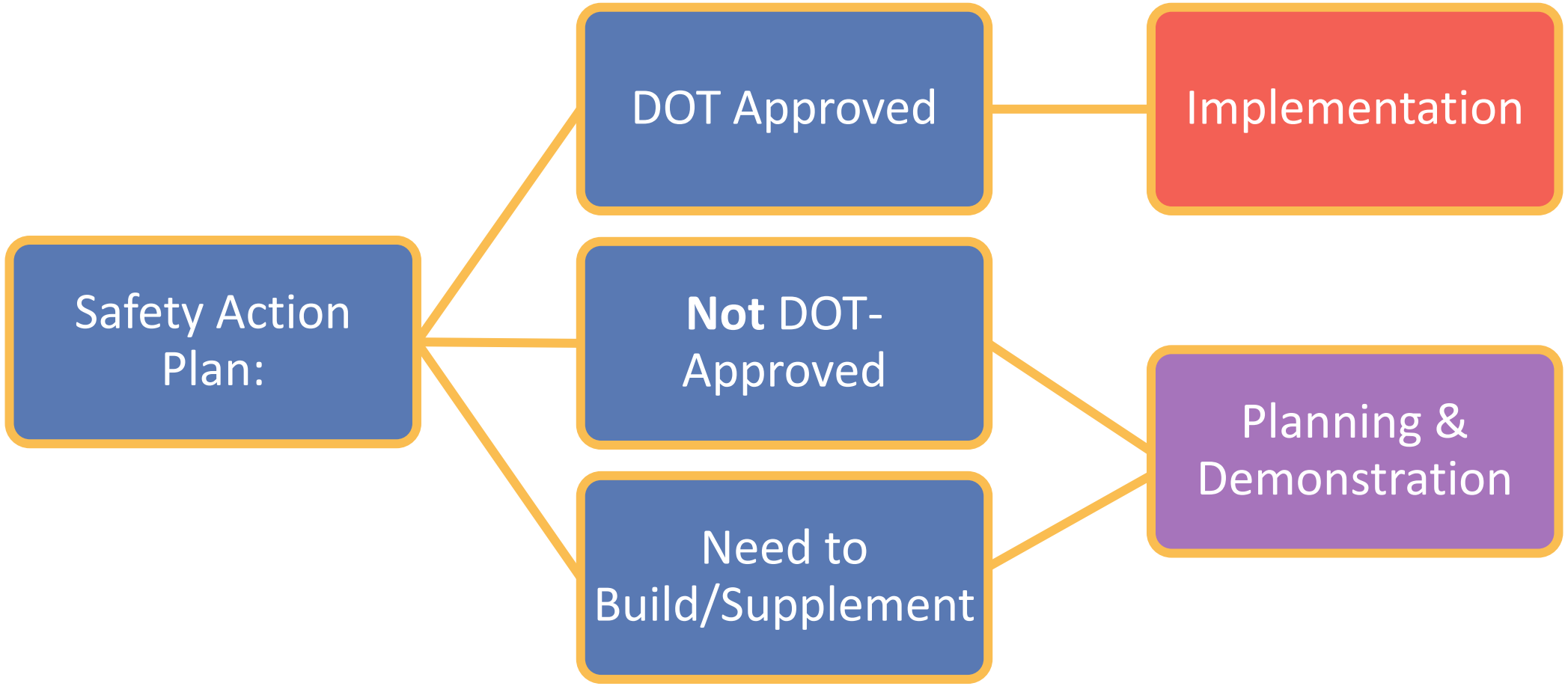
Implementation

For applicants with an existing DOT-approved Safety Action Plan who are ready to address their roadway safety problems.

Up to $687 million is set aside for this category. Applicants may request $2.5 to $25 million. Between 40 and 70 awards are anticipated.

2026 Priorities: Project Readiness

Planning and Demonstration Grant or Implementation Grant?



Planning and Demonstration Activities

This program has three different types of fundable activities. You can choose one activity or bundle them together into one application.



Your ultimate goal is a finalized Safety Action Plan

You may use up to three existing local plans to create your Safety Action Plan

If you want to supplement your current Safety Action Plan, be ready to share your plan’s current status

Eligible Activities

01

Create a Safety Action Plan

Funds to develop a plan for roadway improvements for all road users over a broad, systemwide geography.

***NOTE**: Plans for a single road user type or a single corridor/site fall in the (2) Supplemental Category.*

02

Supplement your Plan

Funds to develop a new or update an existing Action Plan.

Includes: action plan updates, road safety audits, data collection and safety analysis, stakeholder engagement, roadway safety planning

03

Demonstrate your Plan

Funds for temporary safety improvements that inform your Action Plan by testing certain strategies or approaches.

Includes: feasibility studies, engineering studies, new technology pilot programs



End Goal: Safety Action Plan Required Components

01 Leadership Commitment & Goal Setting

02 Planning Structure

03 Safety Analysis

04 Engagement & Collaboration

05 Policy & Process Changes

06 Strategy & Project Selections

07 Progress & Transparency

Implementation Activities

This program provides funding to implement projects and strategies already outlined in an existing DOT-approved Safety Action Plan.



You planned, now it's time to implement those plans.

You are encouraged to submit your Safety Action Plan for review by April 24, 2026.



What must be in your DOT-Approved Safety Action Plan?

To be eligible, your Action Plan must --

01 Include ALL the following Safety Analyses -

- Analysis of existing conditions and historical trends to provide a baseline of crashes across your jurisdiction
- Analysis of the location(s) of crashes, the severity, contributing factors, and crash types
- Analysis of systemic and specific safety needs (e.g., high-risk road features, specific safety needs of road users, post-crash care)
- A geospatial identification (map) of higher risk locations.

02 Include Strategy and Project Selections -

List of specific projects and strategies that will address the identified safety problems, including prioritization and time ranges.

03 Be less than 5-years Old

Must have been finalized and/or last updated between 2021 and May 2026.



What must be in your DOT-Approved Safety Action Plan?

Your Action Plan must also fit at least 3 of the following --

04 Contain Leadership Commitment & Goal Setting

List commitments by high-ranking officials or governing bodies, including target dates to achieve reductions in roadway fatalities and serious injuries

05 Created by a Committee or Taskforce

Describe membership of the group and what role they play in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the Action Plan.

06 Show Evidence of Engagement & Collaboration

Detail public meetings, participation in public and private events, and proactive meetings with stakeholders to create the plan.

07 Review Current Policies & Suggest Process Changes

Describe how the committee assessed current practices and/or standards to identify opportunities that can improve how processes prioritize safety.

08 Detail How Progress will be Tracked and Shared

Explain progress reporting structure and list of proposed metrics.

Important Notes on Existing Safety Action Plans

Combining Documents

SS4A allows you to combine **up to three documents** to form a complete Safety Action Plan for your jurisdiction.

(e.g., your regional transportation safety plan and local Vision Zero plan)

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Sharing Plans

SS4A allows you to apply for supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities if a **higher-level jurisdiction** has an eligible and finalized Safety Action Plan (e.g., your County or MPO).

Eligible Activities

01

Infrastructure Safety Improvements

Roadway redesigns, protected bike lanes, intersection improvements, traffic calming measures, roadway configuration

02

Safety Countermeasure Deployments

Speed management measures, signal timing improvements, Intelligent Transportation Systems, high-visibility signage/markers

03

Supplemental Planning & Demonstration Activities

Pilot projects, demonstration projects to test safety interventions, data collection, and evaluation to refine designs

Eligible Activities

04

Data Systems & Safety Analysis Tools

Crash data systems and safety analysis tools, GIS-based safety mapping and analytics, integrated data platforms for identifying high-risk locations

05

Planning, Design, & Engineering for Safety Projects

Final design and engineering work for safety projects, feasibility studies directly tied to implementation, traffic safety analysis tied to specific interventions

Preparing a competitive SS4A application for Planning and Demonstration Grants or Implementation Grants

SS4A Application Components

- Safety Data and Analysis
- Engagement and Collaboration Evidence
- Action Plan Documentation
- Budget Spreadsheet
- Letters of Commitment/Support
- Project Timeline
- Program Narrative

Core Strategies for Application Success

01 Start with a Clear Safety Problem

- Use extensive crash data (fatalities, serious injuries, trends)
- Identify high-risk corridors or populations (e.g., pedestrians, rural roads)
- Show disparities (equity is scored high in SS4A)

02 Align with SS4A Priorities

- Safe System Approach
- Equity (underserved communities)
- Speed management
- Vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists)

03 Create a Strong, Actionable Plan

- Be specific about what you will do
- Include timelines, phases, and deliverables
- For Implementation Grants: show projects are ready (or close to ready)

04 Demonstrate Readiness & Capacity

- Staff roles and expertise
- Project management structure
- Previous similar work (even smaller scale)

Core Strategies for Application Success

05 Select Meaningful Partnerships

- Local governments
- MPOs / regional planning agencies
- Law enforcement, public health, schools
- Community-based organizations

06 Create a Community Engagement Plan

- Show how you will engage residents—especially underserved groups
- Include methods (workshops, surveys, translation services)
- Show how feedback will influence decisions

07 Define Clear Outcomes & Metrics

- Reduction in fatalities/serious injuries
- Speed reduction targets
- Infrastructure improvements (miles, intersections, etc.)

08 Build a Budget That Makes Sense

- Costs should be reasonable and justified
- Match the scope to the budget
- Include required match and explain sources

Innovative Traffic Safety Technologies

Traffic & Intersection Safety

Smart traffic signals that adjust in real time

AI-powered red-light or speed warning systems

Connected vehicle technology (vehicle-to-infrastructure communication)

Pedestrian & Cyclist Safety

Smart crosswalks with motion detection and flashing alerts

Pedestrian detection systems using cameras or sensors

Adaptive lighting that brightens when someone is present

Speed Management

Dynamic speed feedback signs

Automated speed enforcement pilots (where allowed)

Data-driven speed management tools

Data & Analytics Tools

Crash data dashboards

Near-miss detection using video analytics

GIS-based risk mapping tools

Technology Pilot Programs

Test new safety technologies in real-world conditions

Collect data on effectiveness

Demonstrate measurable safety improvements



FY25 Approved Project Examples

01 City of Phoenix, AZ

$24.1 million - Project: Funds approved for safety upgrades to reduce crashes on six high-injury intersections and tow corridors.

02 Bullhead Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

$1.7 million - Project: Funds provided to develop a Comprehensive Safety Plan and conduct supplemental studies.

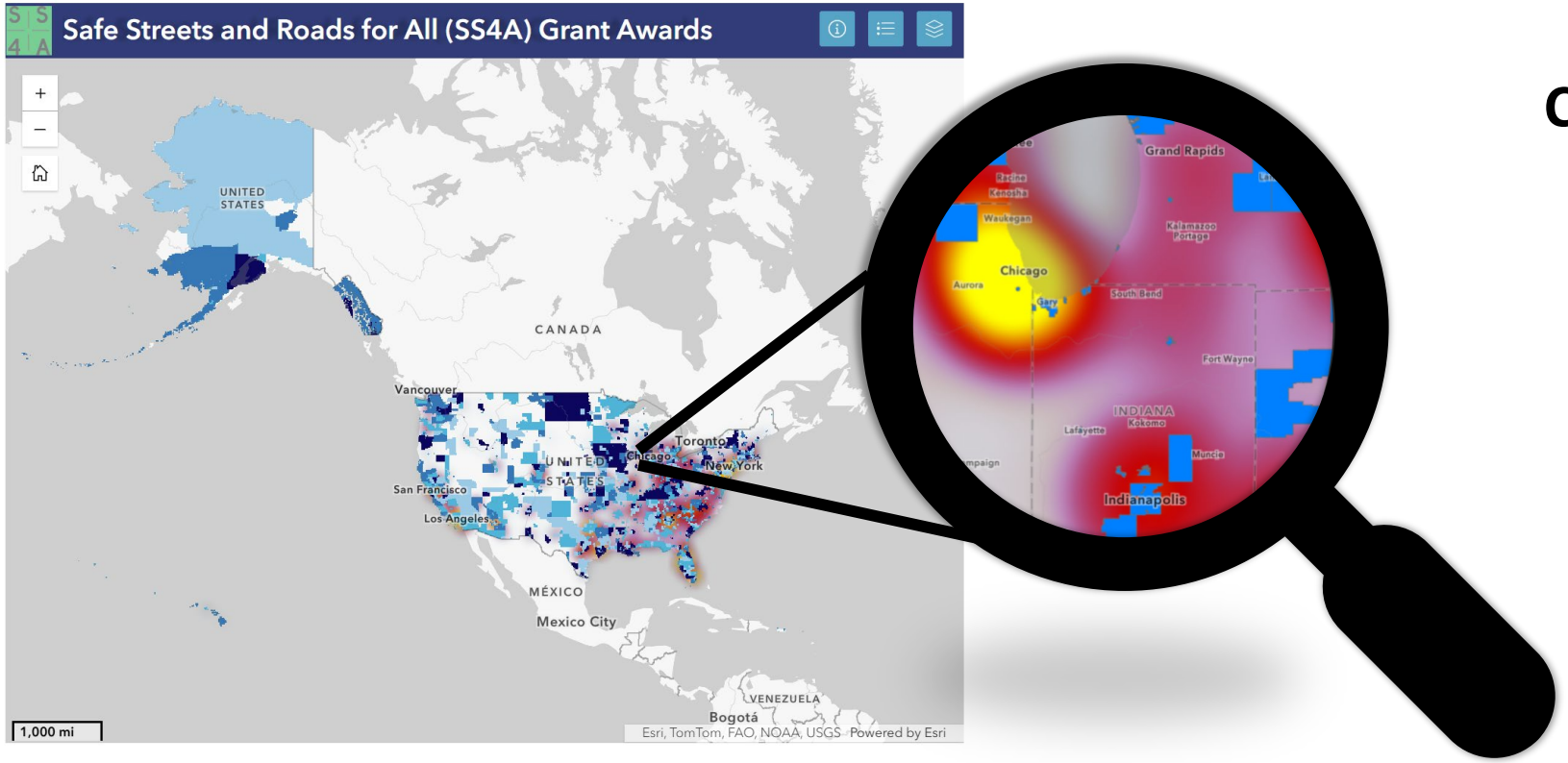
03 Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community, CA

$1.6 million - Project: Award will be used to deploy AI-driven technologies and other intelligent traffic systems.

04 City of Ontario, CA

$3.4 million - Project: Funds approved for the testing of unmanned aircraft systems (drones) for emergency response.

Learn more about past awards before you apply!



Check out the Department of Transportation's SS4A Interactive Award Map

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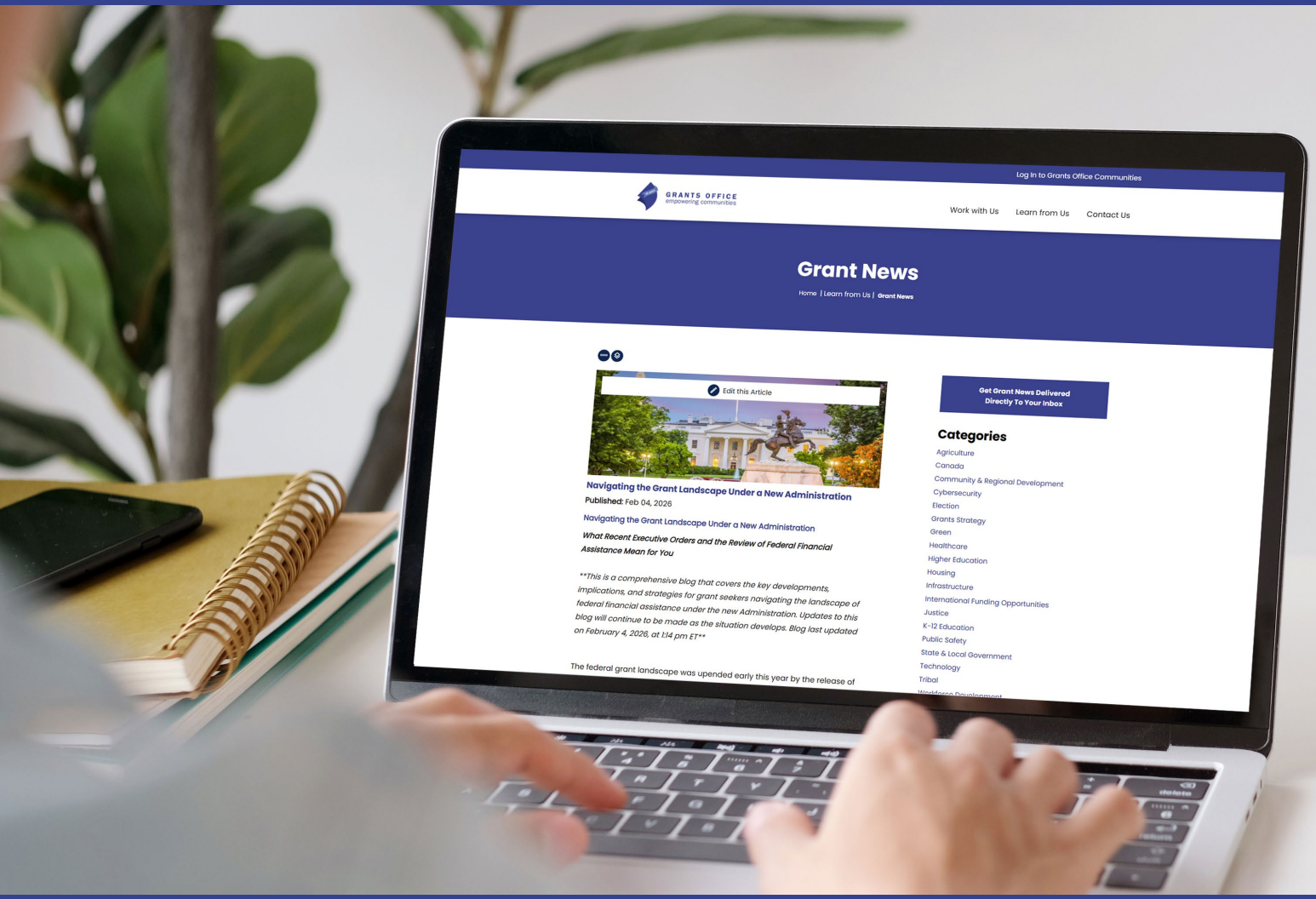


FREE Application Workbook

- Collect Important Account Details for Submission
- Build your Goals, Objectives, & Project Activities
- Outline Key Project Personnel & Duties
- Plan your Major Budget Items
- Start Brainstorming Your Narrative Content

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Proposal Development & Writing

Grants are assigned a cost tier based on the complexity of the application's requirements and the time until the grant's deadline.

For example, the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program tends to fall between Tier 3 and Tier 5.

Writing the proposal yourself?

Grants Office provides review services at 25% of the grant tier cost.

Example service costs
Pricing valid through December 2025

Tier	Cost for Proposal Development
1	$3900
2	$4900
3	$5900
4	$6900
5	$7900
6+	$8900+



Engage with Grants Office to Write Your Proposal

Step 1

Contact Us

Email your completed Eligibility and Proposal Workbook to Amanda, our SS4A expert: grantwriting@grantsoffice.com

Step 2

Initial Meeting

Amanda will set up a time to discuss your project goals and development needs.

Step 3

Grant Writing will Begin

Your Grants Office Grant Writer will utilize the materials you provide to write your SS4A Proposal.

Step 4

Proposal Review

Meet with Amanda to finalize your proposal and ensure all requirements have been met.

Step 5

Submit Application

Once completed, you will submit your grant application and let us know when you win!

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Research & Consultation

Grants Office will identify what grants best fit your upcoming projects and develop next steps.

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Grants Office will advise on project development and material gathering with a particular grant in mind.

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