

Project Selection Criteria for Safe Routes to School 2019-2020 Competitive Grants

Projects will be evaluated based on the project selection criteria listed below and consistent with OAR 737-025-0092. The first set of selection criteria listed will be used to determine if the project is eligible for funding. The next set of criteria will be used to create an empirical staff score of the project for consideration in the Safe Routes Advisory Committee (SRAC) recommendations. The last project selection criteria will be used to flag any issues for consideration by the SRAC.

Eligibility

Projects are first screened for eligibility against the following project selection criteria:

Conformance to plan developed pursuant to ORS 195.115, state land use laws and appropriate federal, state and local planning and programming requirements OAR 737-025-0095(1)(a)(A)

Location is within a one-mile radius of a school OAR 737-025-0095(1)(c)(B)

Ability to provide at least the minimum required cash match OAR 737-025-0095(1)(a)(D)

Potential to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school OAR 737-025-0095(1)(b)(B); and

Support of the school district and governing body for the project as demonstrated by a letter of support and endorsement OAR 737-025-0095(1)(d)(A)

Scoring

The next set of project selection criteria will be used to score each project

	Priority Area	Categories	Sub-categories	Score for each sub-category	Total score possible in each category	Notes
Focus (Most Heavily Weighted)	Equity	Title I school		160	200	Title I schools will automatically get 160 points then get additional points for higher percentages of students who receive free/reduced lunch. OAR 737-025-0095(1)(b)(C)
		Title I school percent	41-60%	10		
			61-80%	20		
			81-100%	40		

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Heavily Weighted	Safety	Priority Safety Corridor		50	90	<p>Projects that are on a Priority Safety Corridor (PSC) will receive 50 points then get additional points for the aspects of PSC that they have. All projects will receive points for including any aspects of a PSC, in accordance with the scores shown.</p> <p>OAR 737-025-0092(1)(b)(A)</p>
		Speed	30 mph	5		
			35 mph +	10		
		Average Annual Daily Traffic	3000-5,999	5		
			6000+	10		
		Lanes or crossing distance	3 lanes	5		
			4 lanes +	10		
		Crashes	Non-serious injury or fatal	5		
			Serious injury or fatal	10		
	Readiness	Design	started: 0.5 credit completed/mitigated: 1	1 = 0	80	<p>Scoring will be assessed based on the total number of risk factors addressed. A project with no risk factors will get 80 points. There are six categories of risk. All six categories must be completed/mitigated (or N/A) to get 80 points. Partial completion/mitigation will earn a project half a credit for addressing</p>
		Right of Way		2 = 0		
		Utilities		3 = 20		

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Heavily Weighted	Readiness	Stormwater	credit (total credits = score)	4 = 30	80	the risk. The total number of credits for addressing risks dictates the score. OAR 737-025-0092(1)(d)(B)
		Environmental		5 = 70		
		Public Process		6 = 80		
	School Type	K-8 or any combo		90	90	OAR 737-025-0092(1)(c)(A)
Moderately Weighted	Proximity to School	1/2 mile or less		15	15	OAR 737-025-0092(1)(c)(B)
	Multiple School Benefit	two or more schools affected		15	15	OAR 737-025-0095(1)(b)(C)
Slightly Weighted	Education / Encouragement	Past programming		5	10	Education and Encouragement programming at the school will gain points for the projects depending if the programs are in the past, present, or planned. OAR 737-025-0092(1)(c)(C)
		Planned programming		8		
		Current programming		10		
TOTAL					500	

FLAGS

In addition to the scoring criteria, some projects will be flagged for further discussion with the committee. Projects will be flagged when one or more of the following occurs:

The project description does not appear to address identified problem / barrier(s) for children biking and walking to school OAR 737-025-0092(1)(a)(B) and OAR 737-025-0092(1)(a)(C)

The project scope and project description appear to be significantly out of alignment OAR 737-025-0092(1)(a)(C)

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A site visit was conducted and a potential issue was identified OAR 737-025-0092(1)(a)(B)						
An issue was identified at some point during the review of the application that needs to be discussed						