



FACT SHEET

January 2019

Safe Routes to School

2019-2020 Grants

The ODOT Safe Routes to School Competitive Infrastructure Grant Program runs in two year cycles, with the first round of funds awarded for 2019-2020.

Cities, counties, tribes, transit districts, ODOT and other road authorities are eligible to apply for projects that address barriers for students walking and biking to school.

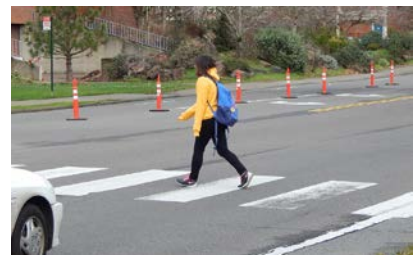
Awards granted for 2019-2020

- 24 projects from 24 applicants.
- 18 applicants qualified and approved for reduced match (20 percent instead of 40 percent).
- \$15.6 million total (this round is higher due to accumulation of a partial year's revenue). With fund matching from applicants, the total is \$22 million.

- Recipients geographically spread across the state.
- Projects include adding sidewalks and crosswalks, installing flashing beacons, building curb ramps and more.

Funding

- The program was established by Keep Oregon Moving (HB 2017) legislation.
- The program's funds come state highway dollars: \$10 million annually increasing to \$15 million in 2023.



How the selection process worked for 2019-2020

- Applications received: 206 projects from 112 applicants.
- Staff reviewed applications for eligibility, applied an approved scoring system to make sure the projects with the highest need are addressed first, and then looked at the project area, either in person or online.
- The Safe Routes To School Advisory Committee then reviewed applications, ranked them and made recommendations to the Oregon Transportation Commission.
- January 17, 2019: Oregon Transportation Commission selects final projects.

Program focus

- Title 1 schools, serving students from low-income communities.
- Elementary and middle schools.
- Increasing safety in high-risk areas.
- Project readiness: ability to complete in five years or less.

Background

The SRTS Infrastructure Program builds projects that address the needs of students that walk and bicycle to school, considering the unique perspectives and behavior of children. The fund receives \$10 million in state highway dollars annually increasing to \$15 million annually in 2023. The funds are divided into three different programs with different eligibility, application guidelines and timelines:

- **Competitive Grant Program:** The majority of the funds, 87.5 percent or greater, are used for a Competitive Grant Program.
- **Rapid Response Grant Program:** Up to 10 percent of funds are used for urgent needs or systemic safety issues.
- **Project Identification Grant Program:** Up to 2.5 percent of funds are used by ODOT to help communities identify projects to reduce barriers and hazards for children walking or bicycling to and from schools.

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SRTS Program website

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS.aspx>