

Safe Routes to School: Competitive Infrastructure and Rapid Response Grants

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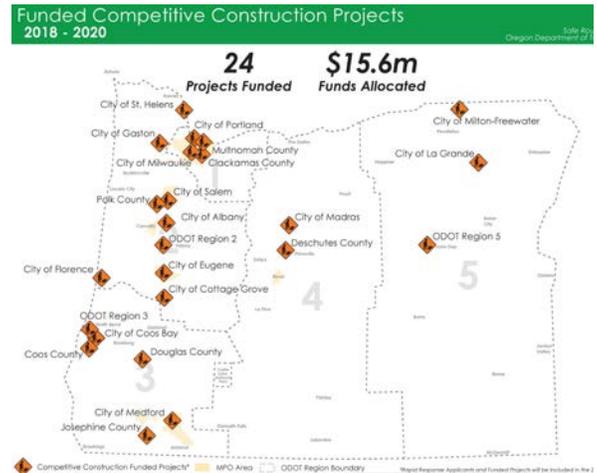
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COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM: ENGINEERING PROJECTS

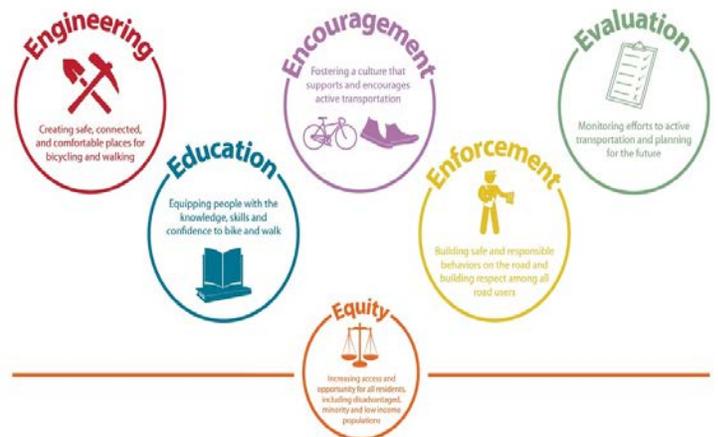
How much is available? The 2021-2022 grant cycle will distribute approximately \$26 million. The 2019-2020 Competitive Grant cycle distributed \$15.6 million (see map)

Who can apply? Cities, counties, ODOT, tribes, transit districts, and other road authorities may apply.

What kind of projects are eligible? Safety projects that positively affect the ability of children to walk and bicycle to school. Projects must be within a public road right-of-way, consistent with jurisdictional plans, supported by the school or school district, within a one-mile radius of a school, and be able to be constructed within 5 years of the application. Project examples include sidewalks, median refuge islands, rapid flashing beacons, etc. The minimum funding request is \$60,000 and the maximum funding is \$2 million.



Interested parties are encouraged to explore implementing all aspects of Safe Routes to School. ODOT's Safe Routes to School Program includes grant opportunities for construction projects, education and engagement programs, and technical and planning assistance.



(Image Source: <http://northwoodssaferoutestoschool.weebly.com/>)

HOW TO APPLY

Where and when can I apply?

Application materials can be found on ODOT's SRTS website starting April 1, 2020.

April 1 - June 15: Letter of Intent due

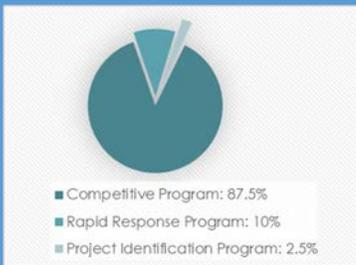
June 1 – August 31: Application due

SRTS Program website: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS-Competitive-Infrastructure-Grant.aspx>

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

\$10 million (\$15 million starting in 2023) Safe Routes to School Infrastructure funds are allocated annually to three programs:



- Competitive Grant Program: 87.5% of funds
- Rapid Response Grant Program: 10% of funds
- Project Identification Program: 2.5% of fund

This one-pager focuses on the Competitive Grant Program. For information about Rapid Response and Project Identification Programs, visit SRTS Program website <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS.aspx>.

What is the match requirement? 40% cash match is required unless the project meets the population, equity, or safety criteria for reduced match of 20%. More information on the reduced match criteria can be found on the SRTS website.

What kinds of projects will rise to the top for funding?

For the 2021-2022 round of funds, some of the top priorities included:

Equity: schools with a high percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch

Safety: areas where a crash has occurred or where risk factors such as high speeds, long crossing distances, and/or high vehicle volumes exist.

Pre-kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle Schools: project around schools serving any combination of preK-8 education.



AVAILABLE NOW! RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

How much funding is available? The 2019-2020 Rapid Response Grants are still available and will distribute \$1.8 million. The 2021-2022 grants will be available starting January 1, 2021 and will distribute \$3M.

Who can apply and when? Cities, counties, tribes, transit districts, and other road authorities may apply at any time.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS-Rapid-Response-Grant-Program.aspx>

What kind of projects are eligible? The same eligibility criteria as Competitive Grants plus: **A recent crash occurred** in the last twenty-four months involving a pedestrian or a bicyclist and the pedestrian/bicyclist was injured, seriously injured, or killed and the proposed project specifically addresses this incident effectively and cost effectively, **or an urgent opportunity arises** which means that something substantial and unexpected has changed and must be addressed before the next Competitive Grant cycle. Project examples include sidewalks, median

refuge islands, rapid flashing beacons, etc. **The maximum funding request is \$500,000.**