

Safe Routes to School: Project Identification

Oregon Department of Transportation

2019-2020

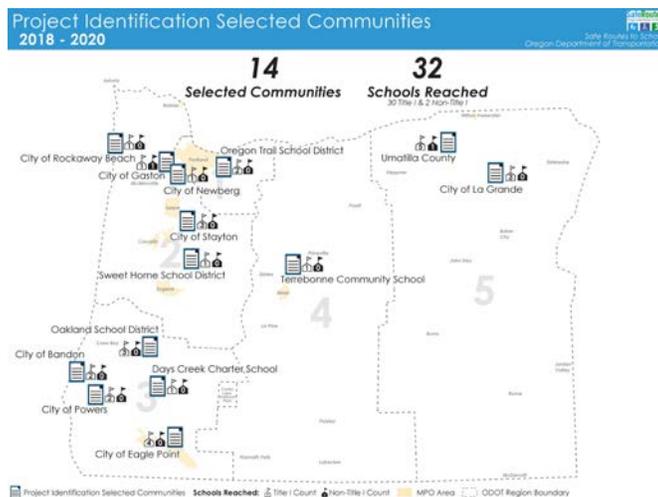
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM: PLANNING ASSISTANCE

How many school communities are/will be served? The 2019-2020 program is serving 14 communities and 32 schools (see map). The 2021 program will serve approximately 20 more communities.

Who can apply? School districts, publically funded jurisdictions, cities, counties, ODOT, tribes, transit districts, and other road authorities may apply.

What will the community get out of the program?

Consultant services will assist the community (school representatives, school community, and local road authority representative) identify infrastructure needs near one school or a cluster of schools feeding into the same middle or high school, focusing on all streets within a quarter-mile of the school, as well as critical issues within a mile of the school. The outcome of each Project Identification Program process will be a **Safe Routes to School Plan for each school, cluster of schools, or small community** that outlines infrastructure and education needs to address barriers to students walking and biking to school and provides some information needed to apply for the ODOT Safe Routes to School Competitive or Rapid Response Infrastructure Grants.



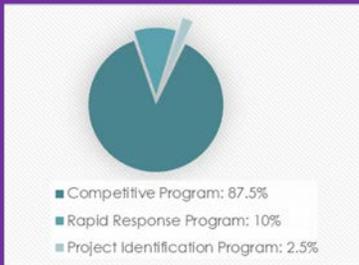
Interested parties are encouraged to explore implementing all aspects of Safe Routes to School. ODOT's Safe Routes to School Program includes grant opportunities for construction projects, education and engagement programs, and technical and planning assistance.



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

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 Project Identification Program. For information about Rapid Response and Competitive Grants, visit SRTS Program website

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

HOW TO APPLY

Where and when can I apply? The next application cycle will begin in summer of 2020. Past application materials can be found at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/SRTS-Project-Identification-Program.aspx>.

PROJECT SELECTION

What kinds of applications rose to the top for this service?

A competitive application will have some of the following criteria:

- Have a population under 50,000 with a high percentage of low-income households
- High percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch
- Road authority will have few to no planners on staff
- These criteria will be present at a street near the school:
 - High posted speed
 - Two or more lanes at project location, or crossing distance greater than 30 feet
 - High average daily vehicles at project location
 - One or more school related crashes
- Affects elementary or middle school students
- Ability for project to be completed in five years
- Project proximity to the school.



ALTHOUGH WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY A CONSULTANT, A SELECTED COMMUNITY WILL:

- submit a commitment to participate from the road authority and the affected school.
- ensure participation in a Project Management Team meetings.
- ensure participation in field visit outreach and field visit.
- ensure assistance with data collection.
- review and approve final Safe Routes to School Plan.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

All Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public with time allotted for public testimony. Applicants may submit letters of support for projects from committees like local Area Commissions on Transportation and community-based organizations.