



EMS Focus Webinar FAQ: Leveraging DOT Grant Funds for EMS Crash Response Improvement: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

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1. *When will the next round of funding be available?*

The SS4A FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was announced on February 21, 2024. For more information about the program, including how to apply, please visit the SS4A website: [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#).

NHTSA's Office of EMS will forward the SS4A NOFO through NHTSA's EMS Update. You can sign up to receive our EMS emails here:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTNHTSAEMS/subscriber/new>

2. *Are Private, For-profit ambulance agencies able to apply?*

Private, for-profit entities are not eligible applicants. Eligible applicants are described here: [Eligible Applicants for SS4A | US Department of Transportation](#).

3. *Only Government or Tribal EMS organizations are eligible? Not Non-profit, private or hospital based?*

Eligible applicants are described here, which includes political subdivisions of a State: [Eligible Applicants for SS4A | US Department of Transportation](#)

4. *Is there a way to find out if an action plan already exists for our region?*

Review awardee lists to see if your community already has an SS4A award with which EMS and 911 can become engaged, especially to add post-crash care to their efforts:

- [All Years' SS4A Grant Awards | US Department of Transportation](#)
- [2023 SS4A Full Award List | US Department of Transportation](#)
- [SS4A 2022 Full Award List | US Department of Transportation](#)

Remember that the program supports the development of Comprehensive Safety Action Plans (CSAPs). Contact awardees in your community to ensure that EMS and 911 are added to developing CSAPs which may go on to inform implementation awards.

5. *If you get a grant for demonstration activities to fund a pilot, the pilot works and you want to continue, can you apply for implementation to fully implement the pilot?*

Yes, Planning and Demonstration Grant funding recipients are not precluded from applying for Implementation Grants in future funding rounds.

6. *Are previous grant proposals online for review? What is the URL?*

Unfortunately, successful grant proposals are not posted on the SS4A website, however some award recipients will make their grant narratives available online. Applicants may also want to consider contacting previous SS4A award recipients to learn more about their projects. Other resources include:

- The SS4A website has an awards map to look up successful awardees across the country: [All Years' SS4A Grant Awards | US Department of Transportation](#)
- Lists of FY22 and FY23 awards are also available for download on the SS4A website, which include total Federal funding amounts, project descriptions, and applicant type.
- Examples of successful awards in FY23: [2023 SS4A Full Award List | US Department of Transportation](#)

Among 2023 Planning and Demonstration grant awardees, EMS improvements are targeted under demonstration or other supplemental support in these example communities:

- Town of Colonie EMS & Regional Emergency Services, New York received \$2,400,000 to pilot an emergency transponder system to alert drivers of emergency response to a crash, and a platform to interface with specialty care registries to give more timely information for incoming patients into trauma centers. Here's a link to learn more:
<https://www.colonieems.org/safe-streets-for-all-ss4a-federal-grant/>

- City of Burlington, Vermont received \$1,176,800 for several activities, including establishing a framework for future deployment of signal priority and signal preemption that can improve emergency service.
- City of Richardson, Texas received \$320,000 to develop a comprehensive safety action plan and pilot a GPS-based preemption system to reduce response times for emergency vehicles.

Among 2023 Implemental Grant awardees, EMS improvements are targeted in this example community:

- Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee received \$13,049,572 to implement an infrastructure project on Nolensville Pike and included an emergency vehicle preemption activity along a key emergency response route.

Consider contacting these award recipients to learn more about their applications and projects directly.

7. *Could the grant cover the purchase and installation of lights for our city's fire stations and fund PPE for EMS use on roadways, including ANSI-approved gear for EMS in our county? Also, does your organization address sidewalk and road infrastructure issues? Finally, can ambulances be used in this grant if you do not have any and cover over 1,600 square miles?*

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program is focused on improving roadway safety for all users by reducing and eliminating serious-injury and fatal crashes through the development, refinement, and subsequent implementation of comprehensive safety action plans (referred to as "Action Plans"). Implementation Grants fund projects and strategies that address a roadway safety problem identified in an Action Plan. Eligible activities can include infrastructure, operational, and behavioral intervention. Equipment and other purchases need to be directly related to the implementation of the project and strategy to address the roadway safety problem. PPE and gear could be potentially a part of a broader set of projects and strategies within an Implementation Grant if it is not using federal funds to replace general operating costs of a local government ([2 CFR 200.444](#)).