Local Road Safety Initiatives

2020 Safe Routes to School Funding Overview

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Overview

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   - Infrastructure, Non-Infrastructure, STP Development Assistance
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The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program provides funding to facilitate the development and implementation of projects and activities that enable and encourage children to walk or bike to school.

Funding can be used for:

1. Engineering
2. Education
3. Encouragement
4. Enforcement
5. Evaluation
Funding Eligibility

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2. Student and Crash 2-Mile Radius Maps must be developed
   - Local jurisdictions, MPO/RTPOs, or ODOT can help develop these
   - 50% of students live with 2 miles of school

3. 2 ODOT Surveys completed
   - Parent Survey
   - Student Travel Tallies
1. Online Application (Formstack)

2. Application window is January 6 - March 6

3. Can apply for infrastructure or non-infrastructure project funding (or both!) or for STP development assistance

4. Invite-only project presentations in April

5. Notice of awards in June 2020
Infrastructure Projects

Projects within 2 miles of schools that include children in grades K-8. Project cap is $400,000

Example Projects:

- Sidewalks, on-street separated bike facilities, shared use paths
- Enhanced crossings: high-vis crosswalks, ped heads, curb bump outs, RRFBs, PHBs
Projects must be sponsored by a local jurisdiction with the appropriate maintenance authority (city, village, township, county).

- ODOT can reimburse up to 100% of the eligible costs.

- Fund is available for all phases of project development
  - Planning, design, ROW, construction, construction engineering

Construction Funding FY23 or 24 is available through competitive process
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- **Community Commitment**: Demonstrates capacity to implement the project and other SRTS related activities
Infrastructure Applications will require:

- **STP or AT Action Plan**: Demonstrates that project are identified in a plan
- **Letter of Support**: from MPO or RTPO (if applicable)
- **Project Countermeasures Map**: What’s your project?
- **Certified Cost Estimate**: Include project phases, contingency, and inflation
- **Budget Breakdown**: Amount requested by project phase, fiscal year, and other contributions
- **2-mile Student & Crash Map**: Student address and 5 years of crash data
- **Proof of Progress**: Attachment that indicates progress on SRTS
- **Signed Ordinance**: Example online, under Infrastructure.
Non-Infrastructure Projects

Activities to improve safety or encourage walking and bicycling to school such as education, encouragement, enforcement or evaluation.

Funding is intended to develop and implement projects that are sustainable. Project Cap: $60,000

- Walking School Bus, Walking Wednesday Program
- Bike Rodeos, Crossing Guard Program supplies, Driver Safety Campaign.

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Non-Infrastructure Projects

Project Limits

- 1-10 Schools: $20,000
- 11-25 Schools: $40,000
- 26+ Schools: $60,000
Non-Infrastructure Projects

FY21 is available through competitive process

- Project sponsors can be political subdivisions (city, village, township, county, school district, health district).
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- **Proof of Progress**: Attachment that indicates progress on SRTS.
- **Letter of Support**: If the applicant is not the school, include LOS from school district.
- **Signed Ordinance**: Example online, under Non-Infrastructure.
Ineligible Activities

- Projects that do not specifically relate to enabling or encouraging walking and biking to school
- Food/Beverage or food/beverage gift cards
- Bicycles
- Giveaways with no safety or education value (hats, T-shirts, shoes).
- Reoccurring costs. For example, crossing guard salaries. Reoccurring program coordinator salaries are ineligible for 100% funding.
- ADA only. Projects whose only purpose is to upgrade curb ramps to be ADA compliant.
STP Development Assistance

Limited assistance available to help communities, schools, and their partners develop a School Travel Plan

- ODOT Task Order Consultant or reimbursement to the jurisdiction or school
- Recommend including multiple schools
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STP Assistance Scoring

STP Assistance Applications will be score based on:

- **Connectivity**: Demonstration that developing an STP will help address gaps or opportunities for connecting a majority of students to walk or bike to school
- **Safety**: Demonstrates that an STP will improve safety
- **Need**: Demonstrates high need based on economic status as well as reliance on walking and biking for transportation
- **Trips**: Demonstrates that projects could realistically enable/encourage kids to walk and bike in the future (50% within 2 miles)
- **Community Commitment**: Demonstrates a high level of commitment from critical partners to be engaged in the process
STP Attachments

Infrastructure Applications will require:

- **[Cost Estimate]**: Break down of budget if requesting reimbursement for a local consultant
- **Percent Free & Reduced Lunch**: Attach a spreadsheet listing rates per school
- **Student Address Data OR 2-mile Student & Crash Map**: No names!
- **Letters of Support**: from MPO or RTPO (if applicable),
- **Signed Ordinance**: Example online, under STP.
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**SRTS RESOURCES**

**Getting Started**

- **School Travel Plan Guidelines & Template**
  - Visit walk.ohio.gov to download the template and step-by-step guidelines

- **STP/ AT Plan Development Courses**
  - Free 4 hour workshops available through Active Transportation Academy
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School Travel Plan Guidelines
A Reference for Communities

School Travel Plan Guidelines
A Reference for Consultants

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Getting Started

NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL HERE
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN
Month Day, Year

Customize your School Travel Plan cover as you wish; including pictures, school logos and colors, date of completion, etc.

OHIO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN TEMPLATE

SECION 5: RECOMMENDED SRTS COUNTERMEASURES

See Step 5 of the SRTS Guide for instructions on how to complete this Section.

5a. Non-infrastructure countermeasure recommendations
For each ‘N’, list and describe strategies that your team has identified. In 1-2 sentences, explain the “need” or issue, then briefly describe the countermeasure.

For multiple-school STRS, if needed, you may copy and paste separate countermeasure table for each school.

EDUCATION COUNTERMEASURES: List and describe the education strategies that your team plans to implement in the next 12 months in the table below.

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ENCOURAGEMENT COUNTERMEASURES: List and describe the encouragement strategies that your team plans to implement in the next 12 months in the table below.

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Infrastructure countermeasure recommendations:

After the team has identified the engineering strategies that are appropriate and feasible, format them into the table below, adding and labeling rows as needed. The existing “Initiation” text in the first row is an example and can be deleted.

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Getting Started

- Non-Infrastructure Toolkit
- Infrastructure Toolkit
- STP Update Process
- STP Update Process Guide
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Getting Started

SRTS Resources

• Active Transportation Plan Guidelines
  – Visit walk.ohio.gov to download the ODOT Active Transportation Guide: A Reference for Communities document.

• Planning Assistance
  – Work with partners from your jurisdiction, the school district, and regional planning organization
  – Planning Assistance can be requested through the SRTS Application
Submit Data for Map Creation

Data requirements for student maps:
1. School of student
2. Grade of student
3. Address of Student (including city and zip code)

***Do not include student name***

Data file requirements:
Microsoft Excel, CSV, Delimited Txt Files
Please do not submit PDF Files

Send data to:
SRTS.data@dot.ohio.gov
1. Parent Surveys

2. Student Travel Tallies (completed by teachers)
Bike & Ped Project Funding

Other Sources

ODOT Program Resource Guide – 2020
http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Documents/ProgramResourceGuide.pdf

- SRTS
- Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Transportation Alternatives Program
- MPO & Large Cities Program
- Recreational Trails Program (ODNR)
- Clean Ohio Trails Fund (ODNR)
- Ohio Public Works Commission
Next Steps

1. Talk with your District SRTS Coordinator about your project
2. Review the 2020 Application Guidance at walk.ohio.gov
3. Apply between January 6\textsuperscript{th} and March 6\textsuperscript{th}
## Next Steps

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