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Get Ready to Apply for 2020 Safe Routes to School Funding

Ohio's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program provides funding to support the development and implementation of projects and activities that enable and encourage children in grades K-8 to walk and bike to school.

What Makes the SRTS Program Unique?

It can fund infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects and activities, including up to 100% reimbursement for communities that need it the most. The program can provide non-infrastructure funding directly to schools, municipalities and other public agencies.

The SRTS application window opens on Monday, January 6 and closes on Friday, March 6 at 5 p.m. EST. The [2020 SRTS Application Guidance](#) is now available and includes an appendix of the application's questions.

Communities can apply for:

- **Infrastructure.** Eligible infrastructure projects include the planning, design and construction phases of projects that will improve the built environment for students to walk and bike to school which have been identified in a plan.
- **Non-Infrastructure.** Eligible non-infrastructure projects include education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation activities which have been identified in a plan. Funding is intended to develop and implement plans, programs and policies, and to create a culture that supports walking and biking to school which can be sustained past the availability of SRTS funding.
- **School Travel Plan (STP) Development.** Eligible plan development support is ODOT consultant assistance or reimbursed funding for a locally-selected consultant to help a community develop its school travel plan.

Notable changes to the SRTS Program application for 2020 include:

- Schools and communities can now apply for STP development assistance, either in the form of ODOT consultant assistance or funding to reimburse a consultant.
- Any on-street bicycle infrastructure funded through SRTS should be separated facilities.

For more details on the application process, [register and tune in to the 2020 Safe Routes to School Program Funding Overview Webinar](#), on Thursday, December 12, from 2-3 PM EST.

Do You Have a Good SRTS Project?

Read the guidance, contact your [ODOT District SRTS Coordinator](#), work with your local community and [apply for funds between January 6-March 6](#).

Find all of ODOT's SRTS resources at walk.ohio.gov.

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