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# **Safe Streets and Roads For All Discretionary Planning Grant**

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# Safe Streets and Roads For All

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- ❑ Included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- ❑ Supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy
- ❑ Funds local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets
- ❑ Commonly referred to as “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” initiatives
- ❑ Up to \$1B available in FY 2022

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- ❑ State DOT's NOT eligible
- ❑ Eligible applicants are:
  - MPOs
  - Local governments
  - Transit authorities
  - Tribal governments
  - Multijurisdictional groups of applicants (called joint applicants)
- ❑ While not required, joint applications are encouraged

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- Two types of grants
  - Comprehensive Safety Action Plans
  - Implementation
- Rationale
  - Only will award implementation grants that have strategies identified in a safety action plan
  - Recognize that most communities won't have such a plan
  - Want plans to be truly comprehensive
- Benefit
  - Once plan is complete, all applicants in a multijurisdictional plan can apply for implementation grants

# Plan Process

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- ❑ Leadership commitment (resolution)
- ❑ Structure
  - Oversight committee
  - Champion (I was volunteered for this role)
- ❑ Process inputs
  - Goal setting
  - Safety analysis
  - Public engagement
  - Equity considerations
- ❑ Outcomes
  - Strategy selection
  - Strategy prioritization

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- ❑ Minimum grant request is \$200,000
  - Requires 20% local match
- ❑ Application requires certain data and a short narrative
- ❑ Evaluation criteria
  - Count of roadway fatalities from 2016-2020
  - Annual fatality rate per 100,000 population
  - Percent of population in underserved communities
  - Safety considerations described in narrative
- ❑ Secretary of Transportation will set award levels for each criteria
- ❑ TTI has estimated \$260,000 for joint plan

# The Three Big Asks

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- ❑ Adopt a Vision Zero resolution
  - A model resolution specific to your jurisdiction has been provided to staff
- ❑ Commit to a \$20,000 local match
- ❑ Provide five names to serve on oversight committee AND appropriate staff (TAC/ATAP)
  - Bicycle/pedestrian advocates
  - Sheriff/Police
  - Fire Department/Emergency responders
  - Disability community
  - Business leaders
  - Other safety advocates/human service agencies

# Additional Questions/Assistance

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