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NEW JERSEY Safe Routes



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Applying for Federal 2027 Safe Routes to School Program Funds



AGENDA



Please use Q&A function

- Overview of Federal Aid Programs
- Overview of Safe Routes to School Program
- Review of Safe Routes to School Application
- Q&A
- Grant Application Process
- Grant Resources, Tips & Strategies
- Q&A

Quick Poll

Have you applied or assisted with an application for a Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant in the past?

- ☐ Yes, and was awarded the grant
- ☐ Yes, but was not awarded the grant
- ☐ No, because I was not aware of funding
- ☐ No, because I was not sure how to get started
- ☐ Other

Welcome & Key Dates - 2027 Solicitation



November 13, 2026

Safe Routes Grant Application Due

Aug 17- Oct 16, 2026

Pre-Application Meetings

September-October 2026

Application Information Webinars

August 17, 2026

Safe Routes Solicitation Announced

NJDOT Grant Funding Opportunities

State Funding Programs



County Aid



Municipal Aid



Local Aid
Infrastructure Fund



Bikeways



Safe Streets
to Transit



Transit Village



Local Bridges Fund



Local Freight
Impact Fund

Federal Funding Programs



Local Lead Program



Transportation
Enhancements



Safe Routes to School



Emergency Relief



Transportation
Alternatives



Local Safety/
High Risk Rural Roads

Federal Transportation Bills



Transportation Equity Act
for the 21st Century (TEA-
21)

2005

Moving Ahead for the 21st
Century (MAP-21)

2015

Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs
Act (IIJA)

1998

2012

2021

Safe, Accountable,
Flexible, Efficient
Transportation Equity
Act

Fixing America's
Surface
Transportation Act
(FAST Act)

Things to keep in mind this grant round

- Previous grants encompassed K-8, but now extend to K-12.
- Student travel tallies are no longer required.
- One-on-one meetings are ***mandatory***.
- Projects within the Target Zero HIN are encouraged.

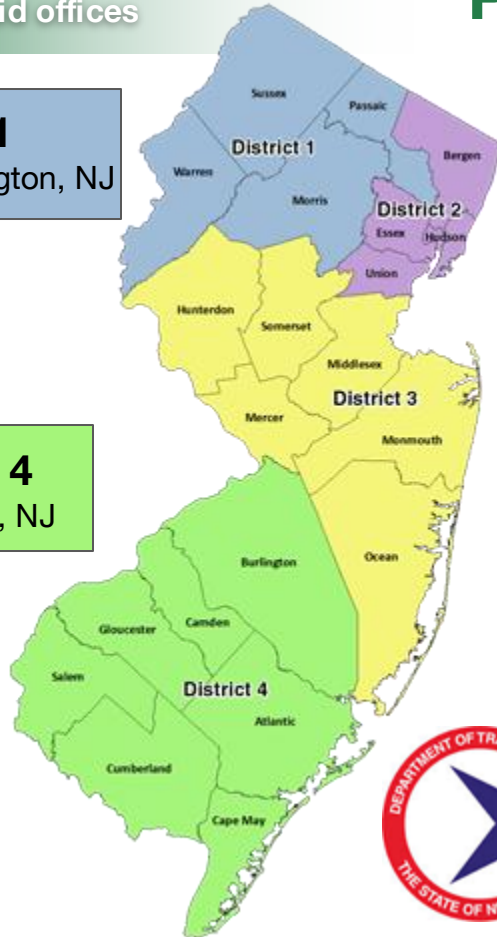


4 regional NJDOT
Local Aid offices

Project Selection Partners

3 Metropolitan
Planning Organizations
(MPO)

District 1
Mount Arlington, NJ



District 2
Newark, NJ

District 3
Trenton, NJ



Safe Routes to School Grant Rounds

Year	# of Applications Submitted	Requested Amount	# of Grants Awarded	Programmed Amount
2014	141	\$43 M	24	\$6.328 M
2016	99	\$34.6 M	17	\$6.182 M
2018	77	\$41.8 M	18	\$8.629 M
2022	82	\$50.83 M	31	\$19.579 M
2024	64	\$61M	23	\$21.068 M

2027 Programmed Amount = **\$23.22 million**

SRTS Grant Application Deadline

Grant Applications Due:

November 13, 2026
11:59 PM

What is Safe Routes to School?



Where it's safe,
get youth
including those
with disabilities
walking/bicycling



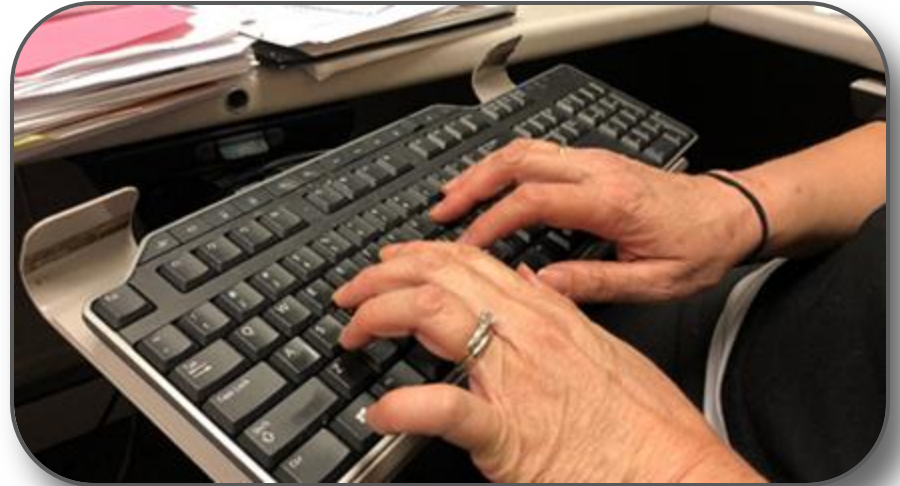
Where it's
not safe,
make it safe



Encourage children to
walk & bicycle
to school fostering a
healthy, active lifestyle
at an early age

Who is eligible to apply?

- Local & County Governments
- Board of Education, School Districts or Schools
 - public
 - charter
 - private
- Nonprofits ***not eligible*** (must partner)



What projects are eligible?

- Facilitate walking and/or bicycling to school
- Within 2 miles of a K-12 school
- Infrastructure projects only
- Within the public right-of-way
 - May include projects on private land that have public access easements



Pedestrian Safety Projects

- New or Upgraded Sidewalks
- ADA Compliant Curb Ramps
- Crosswalk Installation or Striping
- Pedestrian Crossing Signs
- Pedestrian Push buttons or Signal Heads
- Accessible Pedestrian Signals
- School Zone Delineation (signs, striping, lighting)



Bicycle Safety Projects

- On-Street Bike Lanes or Shoulders
- Off-Road Bike Paths or Trails
- Bike Route Signs
- Bicycle Parking (Racks and Lockers)



Traffic Calming & Crosswalk Treatments

- Curb Extensions
- Center Island Medians
- Permanent Radar Display
- Speed Humps/Tables
- Full/Partial Street Closures
- Raised Crosswalks & Intersections
- Pavement Markings
- Traffic Signals, Flashing Beacons
- Bicycle-Sensitive Signal Actuation & Countdown Signals
- Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs
- Sight Distance Improvements



Ineligible Projects

- Education and encouragement programs
- Making pick up and drop off by car easier
- Crossing Guard salaries



Eligible Costs

- Construction
 - Identify inspection services separately

Project costs not eligible for funding

- Administrative costs
- Miscellaneous “contingencies”
- Right-of-Way
- Utility facility relocation costs
- Uniformed traffic directors unless required by design
- Preliminary engineering, env. studies, final design
- Maintenance & Operations costs
- Equipment, vehicles, or promotional items
- Landscaping or aesthetic features not essential to safety



Required Criteria

- Resolutions of Support from municipality & school board
- Letters of support from owners of public right-of-way (e.g., County)
- Maintenance commitment
- Responsible charge not a consultant - must be full-time employee
- Within 2 miles of a K-12 school
- One-on-One application meetings
- ***Student Arrival and Departure tallies are no longer required.***



One-on-One Application Meetings

Goal: Provide direct assistance to applicants in developing better and stronger applications

Meetings will be held online from

August 17 – October 16, 2026

(schedule by October 9, 2026)

- Schedule a meeting through ***njdotlocalhub.nj.gov***
- Call **(609) 649-9395** or email at **DOT-LocalAID.ResourceCenter@dot.nj.gov**
- **Mandatory** One-on-One Meeting with NDOT District Staff and MPO Representative
- Applicant must be a representative of the Local Public Agency NOT a consultant
- Meetings will be up to an hour

Selection Criteria

Evaluated on a **25 Point** Rating System

Application

- **Suitability:**
 - Clearly and accurately describes the problem(s)
 - Documents problem (crashes, maps, photos, health stats)
 - Addresses the problem(s) identified



Selection Criteria

Application

- **Safety:** Makes walking/bicycling to school safer
- **Physical Activity:** Increases number of students walking/bicycling
- **Comprehensive Approach:** Connects to existing bike or pedestrian local or regional networks
- **Evaluation:** Appropriate measures included in project schedule



Selection Criteria

Past Experience

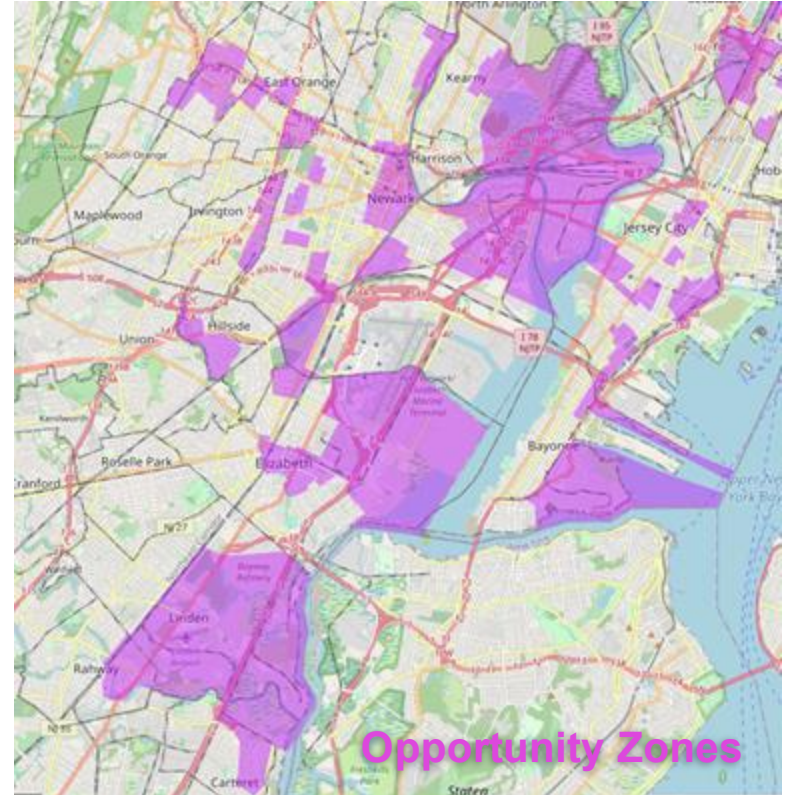
- Authorized previous federal grants
- Previously constructed projects that improve walking/bicycling
- Realistic project schedule, milestones, & costs



Selection Criteria

Location

- Opportunity Zone
- Designated Targeted Urban Municipalities (TUMS)
- Schools Development Authority (SDA) Districts
- Includes railroad crossing or highway ramp crossing safety improvements
- High Injury Network (HIN) Locations



NJ Department of Community Affairs Community Asset Map 2.0

Community Asset Map 2.0

Find address or place

DCA
NJ DEPARTMENT OF
Community Affairs

Map Help

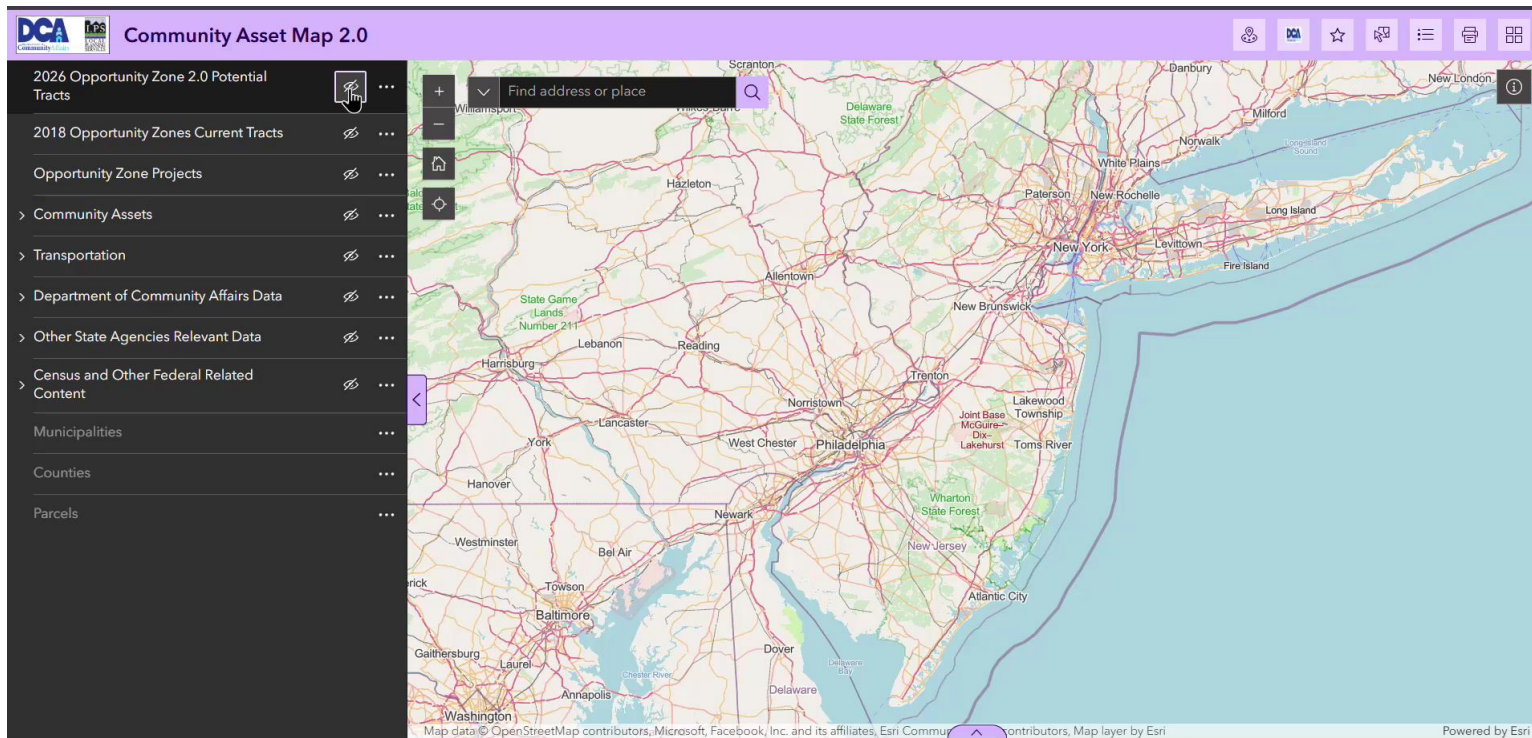
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- Zoom to the State of NJ
- Zoom to your current location
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- Turn layers on and off. Hover next to the three dots to see this option.
- Click the dropdown arrow to see all the available layers within the different groups.
- Click on the map for a pop-up with detailed information about each layer

Asset Categories:

- 2026 Opportunity Zone 2.0 Potential Tracts
- 2018 Opportunity Zones Current Tracts
- Opportunity Zone Projects
- Community Assets
 - Libraries
 - Hospitals
 - Municipal Zoning
 - Entertainment And Sporting Venues
 - Colleges And Universities
 - Collaborative Workspaces and Incubators
 - Power Plants
- Transportation
 - Bus Terminals
 - Public Airports
 - Passenger Rail Stations
 - Passenger Rail Stations Half Mile Buffer
 - Marinas
 - Ports
 - Intermodal Facilities
- Department of Community Affairs Data
- Other State Agencies Relevant Data

https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlps/home/opp_zones.shtml

NJ Department of Community Affairs Community Asset Map 2.0

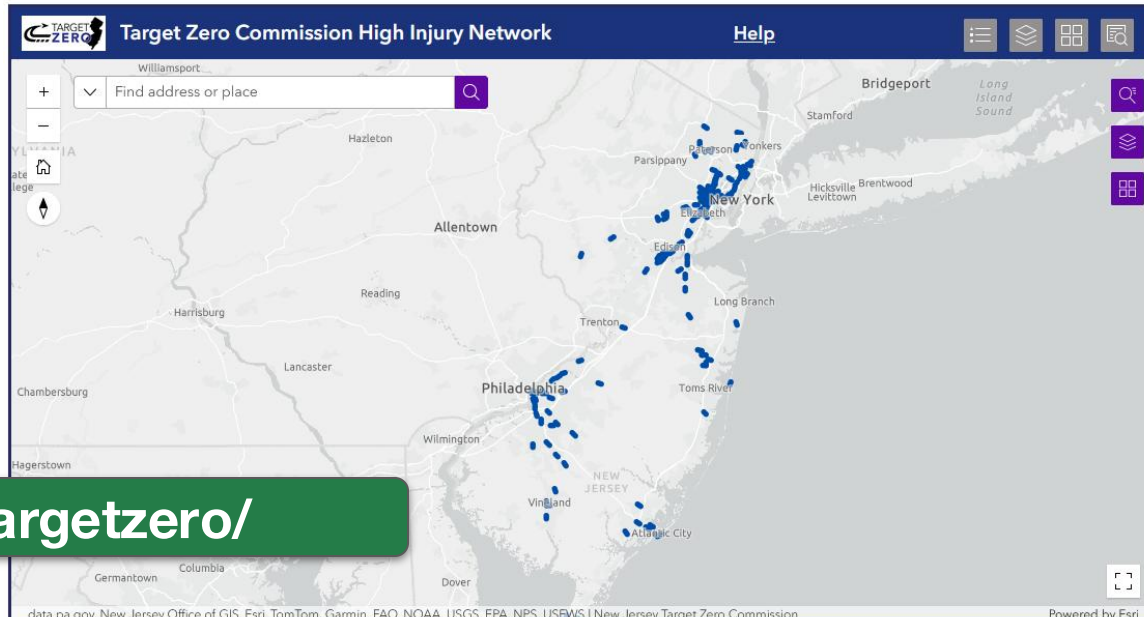


NJ Target Zero High Injury Network Map

High Injury Network

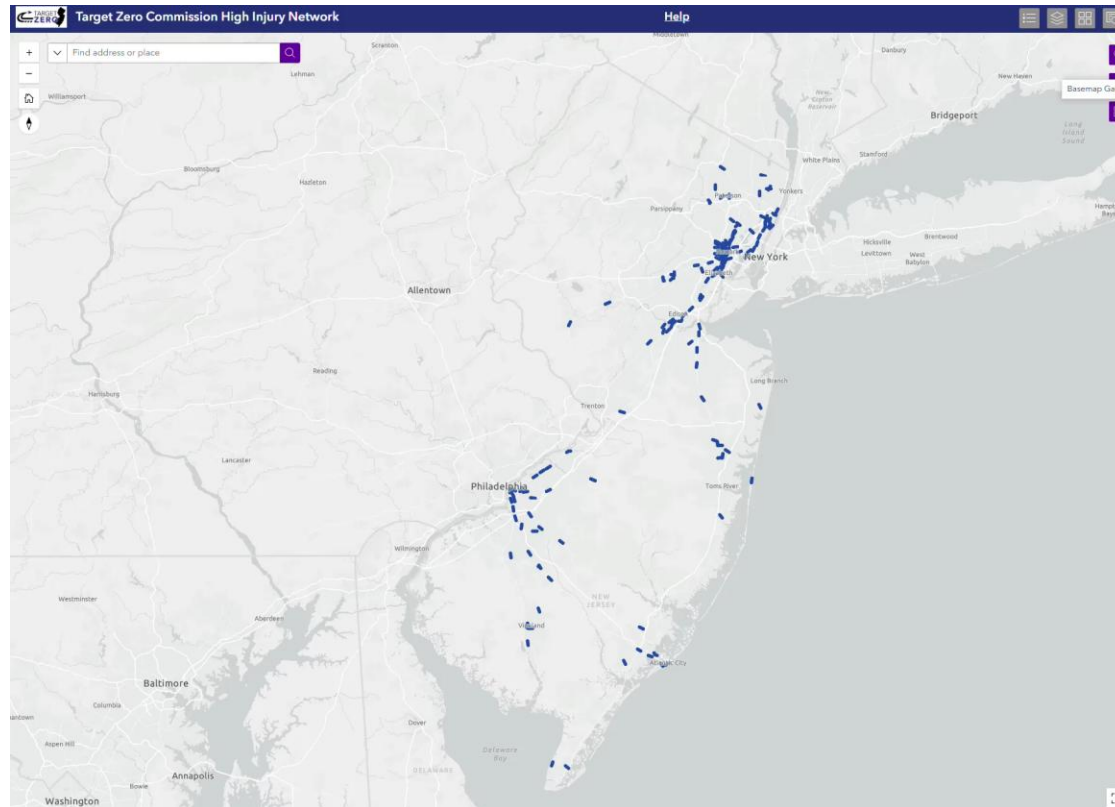
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[How to use HIN map?](#)



dot.nj.gov/targetzero/

NJ Target Zero High Injury Network Map



FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures

Pedestrian



[Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements](#)



[Leading Pedestrian Interval](#)



[Medians and Pedestrian Refuge Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas](#)



[Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons](#)



[Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons \(RRFB\)](#)



[Walkways](#)

Intersections



[Backplates with Retroreflective Borders](#)



[Corridor Access Management](#)



[Dedicated Left- and Right-Turn Lanes at Intersections](#)



[Reduced Left-Turn Conflict Intersections](#)



[Roundabouts](#)



[Systemic Application of Multiple Low-Cost Countermeasures at Stop-Controlled Intersections](#)



[Yellow Change Intervals](#)

highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures

Roadway Departure



[Enhanced Delineation for Horizontal Curves](#)



[Longitudinal Rumble Strips and Stripes on Two-Lane Roads](#)



[Roadside Design Improvements at Curves](#)



[SafetyEdge™](#)



[Median Barriers](#)



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Crosscutting



[Lighting](#)



[Local Road Safety Plans](#)



[Road Safety Audit](#)



[Pavement Friction Management](#)

Demonstrated Commitment

- Adopted Complete (and Green) Streets policies
- School Districts with supportive walk/bike to school policies
- NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program (gold, silver and bronze level certified)
- Supportive walking & biking programs
- School Travel Plans
- Letters of Support from Community



System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE)



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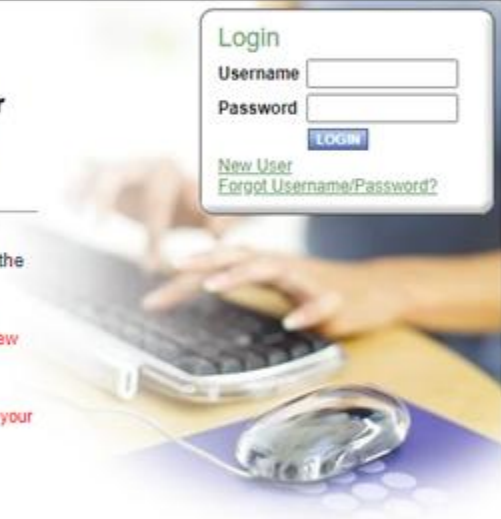
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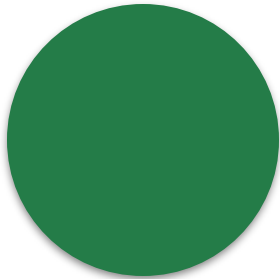
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SRTS Grant Application

If any of the following requirements are **NOT** included, projects will be considered ineligible.



Program Application Requirements

1. Resolutions/Letters of Support
2. Maintenance Commitment
3. Responsible Charge
4. Distance to School(s)
5. One-on One Application Meetings

SRTS Grant Application

Program Requirements

If any of the following requirements are **NOT** included, projects will be considered ineligible.

1

Resolutions/Letters of Support

- Governing body
- Board of Education AND Right-of-Way owner where project is to be located if not the applicant (e.g., County)
- No resolution on a state road
- Must be dated within ONE year of the solicitation letter of August 17, 2026
- Must be signed indicating adoption of the resolution of support
- Must refer to the project applying for funds.

SRTS Grant Application Program Requirements

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2

Maintenance Commitment

- Applicant must certify continual ownership and maintenance of the project.
- If applicant does not have jurisdiction over the ROW, then signed letter/resolution must be provided from that party.
- Letter/resolution must be signed and dated within ONE year of the solicitation letter date.
- Letter must be addressed to the applicant and refer to the project.

Sample Grant Resolution and Maintenance Commitment

1

2



[Municipality of New Jersey]

Resolution #123-45678

April 1, 2014

**"Support Submission of Application for New Jersey
Department of Transportation [Safe Routes to
School or Transportation Alternatives] Program"**

WHEREAS, [municipality] is applying for funding to conduct [type of project] along the school route for [name of school] and [name of school, etc.] [or type of transportation alternatives project] within [municipality]; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for [school children, residents, commercial district, etc.] ; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the facility, once constructed, will be assumed by [municipality] with the exception of (1) local ordinances that places maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of [municipality] that it hereby supports the submission of a grant application for the [Safe Routes to School Program or Transportation Alternatives Program] within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Manager and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

SRTS Grant Application **Program Requirements**

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3

Responsible Charge

- Provide name, title and employer of the person who will be in charge of the project.
- Must be a full-time employee.
- Cannot be a consultant.
- Responsible for following federal requirements and day-to-day operations.

SRTS Grant Application Program Requirements

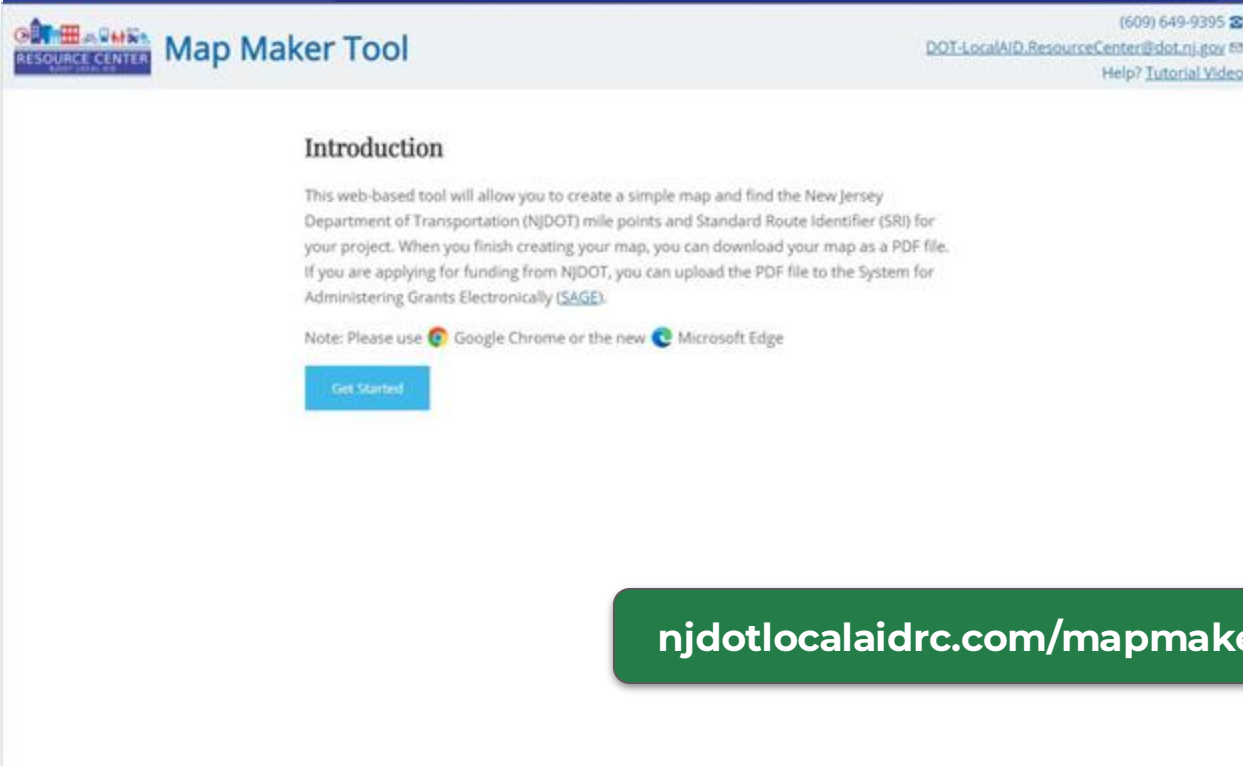
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4

Distance to School(s)

- Project must be within TWO miles of K-12 school(s).
- Include a map showing locations of the project and school(s) affected by the project, showing the distance between each.

Map Maker Tool



The screenshot shows the 'Map Maker Tool' web page. At the top, there is a header with the 'RESOURCE CENTER NJDOT LOCAL AID' logo on the left and contact information on the right: '(609) 649-9395', 'DOT-LocalAid.ResourceCenter@dot.nj.gov', and a link to 'Help? Tutorial Video'. The main content area has a title 'Map Maker Tool' and an 'Introduction' section. The introduction text states: 'This web-based tool will allow you to create a simple map and find the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) mile points and Standard Route Identifier (SRI) for your project. When you finish creating your map, you can download your map as a PDF file. If you are applying for funding from NJDOT, you can upload the PDF file to the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE)'. Below this text is a note: 'Note: Please use Google Chrome or the new Microsoft Edge'. At the bottom of the introduction section is a blue button labeled 'Get Started'.

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Get Started

njdotlocalaidrc.com/mapmaker

SRTS Grant Application **Program Requirements**

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One-on-One Application Meetings

- Have you or the applicant you represent scheduled and attended a One-on-One Pre-Application meeting?
- Please provide the date of the One-on-One Pre-Application meeting.

SRTS Grant Application

Application must include:

•Type of improvement:

Infrastructure/Engineering		Popular Project Types
☐	Bikeways	On-Street Bike Lanes, Off-Road Bike Paths, Bike Route, Bicycle Parking
☐	Pedestrian Safety	Sidewalks, ADA Curb Ramps, Crosswalks, Pedestrian Crossing Signs, Pedestrian Push-buttons/Signal Heads
☐	Pedestrian Safety/Bikeways	School Zone Delineation, Driver Feedback Signs, Traffic Calming, etc.

•Project Information:

- Project Title (100 Characters)
- County
- Municipality



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Mapping:

- Use the GIS Mapping tool to show your project limits
- Indicate whether any part of your project is located on an HIN

FHWA Proven safety Countermeasures:

- Does the project include any FHWA Proven safety Countermeasures (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, indicate which Proven Safety Countermeasures are included



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

School Information (K-12):

- School name, address, zip, school district
- Complete for each school included in the project

School Designated Lead Coordinator:

- Contact name, Title, Organization, Phone #, Email
- Complete for each school included in the project
- **Is the school part of a shared school district? (Y/N)**
 - ✓ If yes, identify additional municipalities



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

School Information continued:

- Grade levels at each school
- Student Population
- Number or percentage of students who currently:
 - Walk to School
 - Bike to School
 - Ride the Bus
 - Drop off/other
- Indicate the source of this travel information
- Number of students living within 2 miles of the school
- Number of ADDITIONAL students expected to walk/bike to school because of the project
- Is courtesy/hazard busing provided? (Y/N)
- Is the school district a Schools Development Authority district? (Y/N)
- Is the school located in a Targeted Urban Municipality? (Y/N)



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Demonstrated Commitment:

- Has your community been certified by the NJ SRTS Resource Center with either Bronze, Silver or Gold level status for the last two years? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, attach recognition certificate or press release. List on **saferoutesnj.org**
- Has the need for the project been identified in a School Travel Plan within the last 5 years? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, attach plan and indicate relevant pages
- Does the school(s) to be served by the proposed project have a written policy supporting walking and bicycling to school? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, attach policy and indicate relevant pages
- Has the school district adopted a School Wellness Policy that encourages walking and bicycling to school? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, attach policy and indicate relevant pages

SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Demonstrated Commitment (continued):

- Has the municipality adopted a Complete Streets policy? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, attach the policy
- Have the school(s), municipality or other partners initiated or participated in any programs to encourage or support walking and bicycling to school? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, provide a description and date:(2,500 characters)
 - Emphasize recently implemented programs (2 years)
 - Describe programs clearly (e.g. walk to school day, bike rodeo)
- Have the school(s), municipality or other partners constructed any physical improvements that encourage walking and bicycling to school? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, provide a description and date:(2,500 characters)
 - Emphasize recently implemented improvements (e.g. sidewalks, bike racks)
- Does the proposed project connect to a regional bicycle or pedestrian network? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, attach and show on a map



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Problem Statement : (2,500 characters - character limit includes spaces)

- Describe the obstacles (physical or other) to walking or bicycling to school (2,500 characters).
- Describe the current hazards facing students who walk or bike to school (2,500 characters).

Reference supporting documentation such as:

- maps, history of traffic problems
- crash reports, traffic counts
- speed surveys
- health statistics
- crime reports
- photographs of deficiencies
- walkability audits
- census information and survey results



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Problem Documentation

- Attach a location map showing up to a two-mile radius of the school(s). Label the school site(s) and problem areas.
- Attach up to ten photographs of problem areas.
- Attach additional files which provide evidence of the severity of problem (up to 10 files)
 - crash data
 - crash reports
 - maps
 - survey results
 - health statistics
 - crime statistics or reports
 - speed surveys
 - walkability audits
 - census information, etc



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Project Proposal:

- Project limits: From and To (up to 100 characters each)
- Describe the project in summary. Indicate the school(s) at which the project will take place (2,500 characters)
 - Indicate schools that benefit and how it will create safer walking/bicycling and encourages more students to walk/bike to school.
 - Discuss how many children will benefit whether it targets one neighborhood or school community.
- Explain how the project will create a safe walking and/or bicycling environment (2,500 characters)
- Explain how the project will enable and encourage more children to walk or bike to school (2,500 characters)
- Distance from school(s) (must be within 2 miles):
- Upload and show on a map the proposed infrastructure improvements, school location(s), and walking and bicycling routes. Indicate whether the project is on a walking/biking route to school and illustrate the relationship between the project and the school



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Schedule:

- Attach a project schedule from start to finish in a table or list.
- Indicate progress milestones:
 - Easement acquisitions
 - ROW permits
 - Utility relocation
 - Environmental and historical preservation approvals
 - Bid
 - Advertise
 - Award
 - Start of construction
- Indicate by number of months from written authorization through project completion and evaluation of results



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Schedule (continued):

- Is utility or road work planned within the project limits over the next five years? (Y/N)
- Does the project require utility relocation? (Y/N)
 - If yes, please explain (500 characters)
- Are permits required? (Y/N)
 - If yes, please explain (500 characters)
- Is the purchase of right-of-way required before start of construction? (Y/N)
 - If yes, please explain (500 characters)



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Schedule (continued):

- Does the project intersect a state highway? (Y/N)
 - If yes, which highway(s) (500 characters)
 - If yes, is the intersection signalized (Y/N)
- Is there a railroad crossing or highway ramp that will be improved as part of the project? (Y/N)
 - If yes, please explain (500 characters)
- Will the construction impact traffic at a railroad crossing outside project limits? (Y/N)

SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Cost Estimate:

- Funds for infrastructure/engineering projects:
 - Construction
- For **Construction**, provide length of proposed improvement:
 - Bikeway (miles)
 - Pedestrian (miles)
 - Include **FULL-TIME** construction inspection cost (if applicable)
- Construction Cost: Attach detailed cost estimate
- Total Project Cost:
- Total Amount Requested:



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Partnership and Public Outreach:

- Attach up to 5 letters of support from community organizations, citizens, resident groups, and any and all interested parties.

Note: All letters of support must be addressed to the applicant NOT the NJ Department of Transportation and signed and dated within one year of the grant solicitation date.



SRTS Grant Application - Sections

Evaluation

- ◆ Describe how the safety and/or health benefits of the project will be measured (2500 characters)
- ◆ Potential measures may include:
 - Increase in the number of students walking or bicycling to school
 - Changes in public/student perception of safety (survey)
 - Increased awareness of safe walking and bicycling behaviors
 - Increased awareness of safe driving behaviors
 - Reduction in speed limit violations
 - Reductions in failure to stop for pedestrians
 - Reduction in crashes involving bicyclists/pedestrians
 - Decrease in motor vehicle traffic around arrival/dismissal
 - Improvement in crime statistics around the school
 - Improvement in health statistics for K-12 students

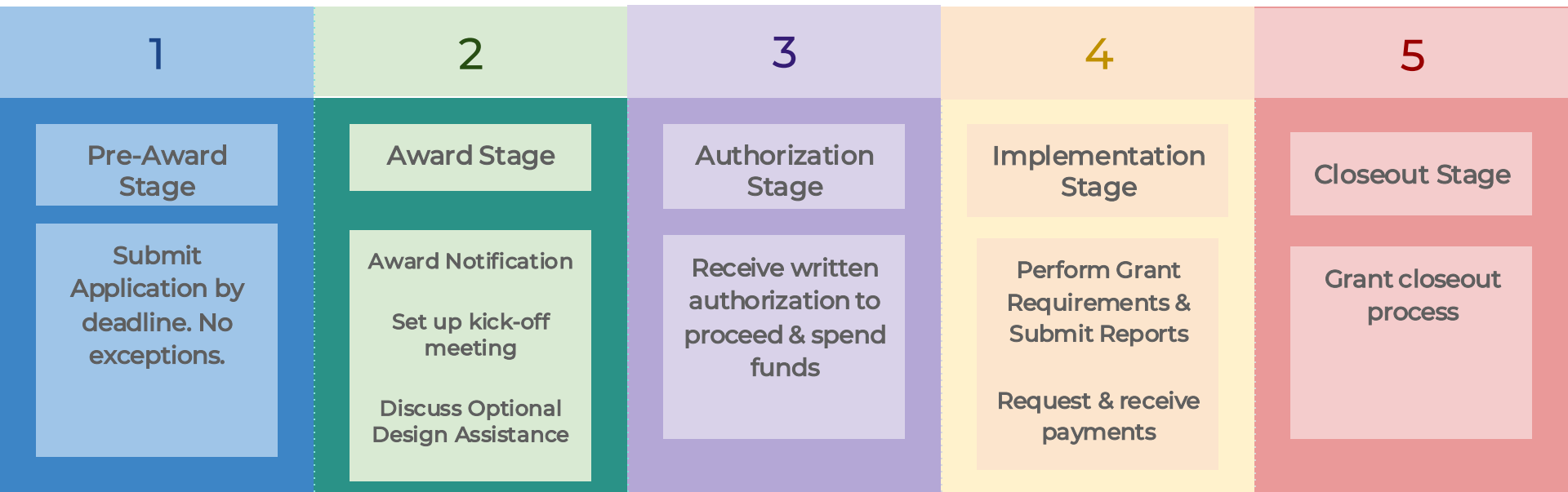


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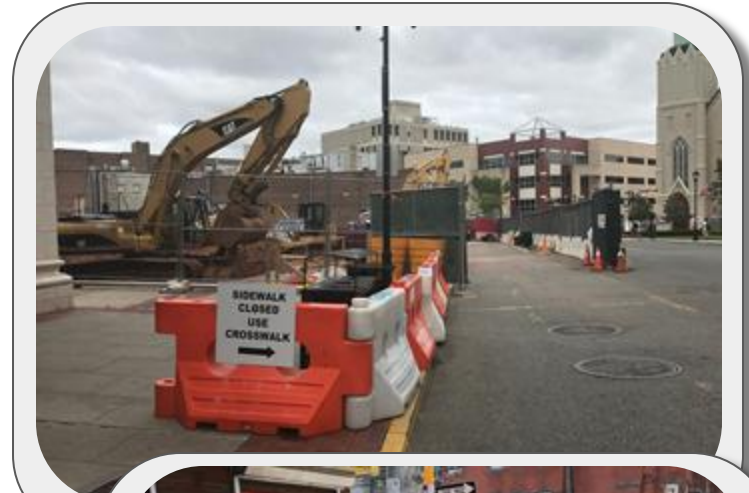
Please Use Chat
to submit your questions

Federal Grant Life Cycle



Authorization of Federal Aid Funds

- Costs incurred prior to agreement execution of funds are **NOT** eligible for reimbursement
- Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis
- NJDOT serves as the pass-through
 - Project must comply with applicable federal laws and regulations
 - Project must have adequate project delivery systems and internal financial controls to manage federal funds
 - NJDOT covers **20% match**

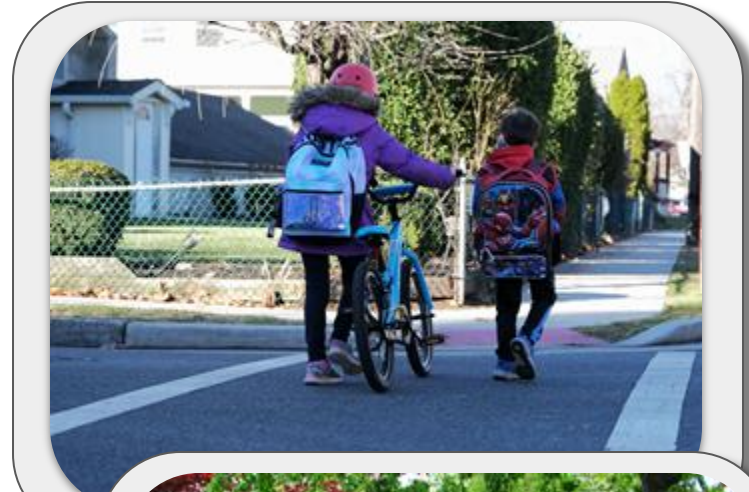


Design Assistance Program

- Eligible for 2027 Grant Recipients
- Establishes pool of prequalified consultants
- Meets federal requirements
- Use of consultant pool is not mandatory, but encouraged

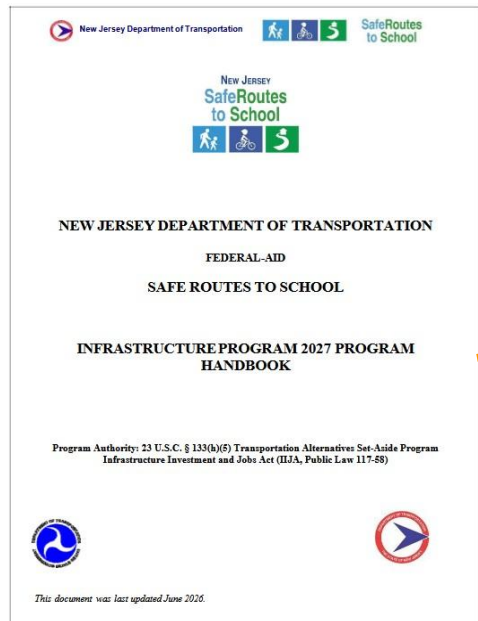
Benefits

- Shortens time and reduces costs
- Improves quality and performance
- Provides quicker review times
- Improves compliance with federal requirements



NJDOT 2027 Safe Routes to School Handbook

njdotlocalhub.nj.gov



Applications are now being accepted for the [Safe Routes to School Program](#). Be sure to apply by **November 13, 2026** and schedule your [Pre-Application Meeting](#) by **October 9, 2026**.

Interested in Applying?

How to Apply

Applications must be made through the **SAGE system**. **Instructions** are available. The major components are the Scope of Work, explaining how the project meets each of the criteria, and the Data Sheet. All applications must include maps and photos are encouraged to show expected project achievements. All applications are scored based in part on the online applications and supporting documentation. Sign up for the Safe Routes to School newsletter [here](#) for more information!

PROGRAM RESOURCES

PAST RECIPIENTS

- ✓ [Safe Routes to School Handbook](#)
- ✓ [Safe Routes to School FAQ](#)
- ✓ [Safe Routes to School Sample Application](#)
- ✓ [FHWA ADA Compliance Training Guide](#)
- ✓ [Federal Aid Stewardship/Oversight](#)
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Grant Application Tips & Strategies

- Include all application requirements:
 1. **Signed and dated resolutions** must be provided by ALL affected parties (town council AND school board AND county if applicable)
 2. Include your maintenance commitment in your resolution
 3. Support Letters addressed to applicant NOT to NJDOT
 4. Responsible Charge must be a full-time employee. Cannot be a consultant, even if they serve as the engineer of record.
- Show you are **serious** about safety for walking & bicycling
- Assess your ability to administer a federal-aid project and prepare accordingly.

Grant Application Tips & Strategies

- Strong Partnerships/Agreements
- Comprehensive Approach - Phases
- Only one grant submission per applicant and only six locations per application



NJDOT Grant Application Strategies

- ✓ **Be thorough.** Ratings are based on the content of your application.
- ✓ Don't assume raters know the project. Application must stand on its own.
- ✓ Include **photos and maps** identifying issues and safety concerns.
- ✓ Indicate construction readiness - status of permits, right-of-way, & utility relocations.
- ✓ Include all costs of the project, including construction inspection and indicate any additional funding sources. Ensure costs are current and comprehensive.



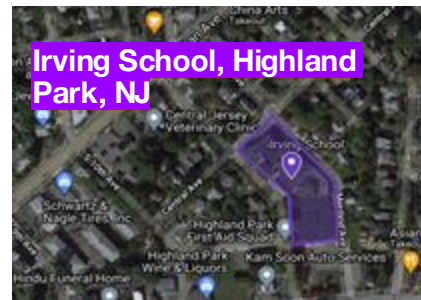
Grant Application Tips & Strategies

Include maps that provide context, connections, & attractions.

Maps could indicate:

- Project location within larger area
- Attractions (bike, ped, historic landmarks, transit, etc.)

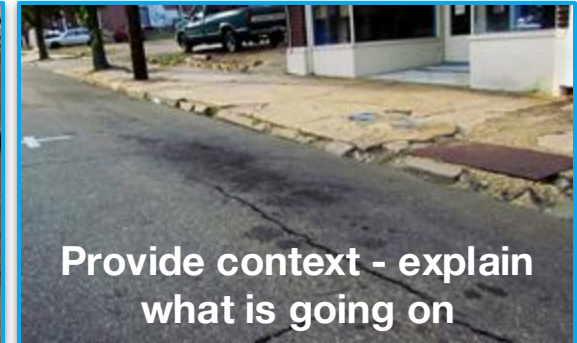
Maps don't have to be computer generated.



Provide detailed maps.

Grant Application Photos

- Include up to 10 photos identifying issues
- Photos should add scale & context
- Do not take close up photos
- Use photos to tell your story



Grant Application Tips & Strategies

Don'ts

- Don't submit a completed project.
- Don't propose a project on a county road without consulting the county.
- Don't propose something that goes against design standards. Project **MUST** comply with ADA standards.
- Don't propose a sidewalk without accompanying safe street crossings.
- Don't propose a project where residents have protested against it.
- Don't apply for a federal grant if the total cost is under \$350 thousand.



Funding Opportunities

Extra point given to towns with a Complete Street policy

State Funding Programs



County Aid



Municipal Aid



Local Aid
Infrastructure Fund



Bikeways



Safe Streets
to Transit



Transit Village



Local Bridges Fund



Local Freight
Impact Fund

Funding Opportunities

NJ Transportation Infrastructure Bank

SHORT-TERM LOAN PROGRAM

1.899% APR

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only on dollars drawn.

AVAILABLE PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS

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Up to \$100,000 per year
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Bike/Pedestrian Planning Assistance

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside

- Plans in over 100 towns
- On-call consultants for variety of projects:
 - bicycle and pedestrian circulation studies, pedestrian safety assessments, trail feasibility studies, bikeway plans, crosswalk improvement plans, etc.

For more information contact:

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NJDOT Bureau of Safety Improvement Programs

Visit: www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/bike/bppa.shtm



NJDOT Design Guides

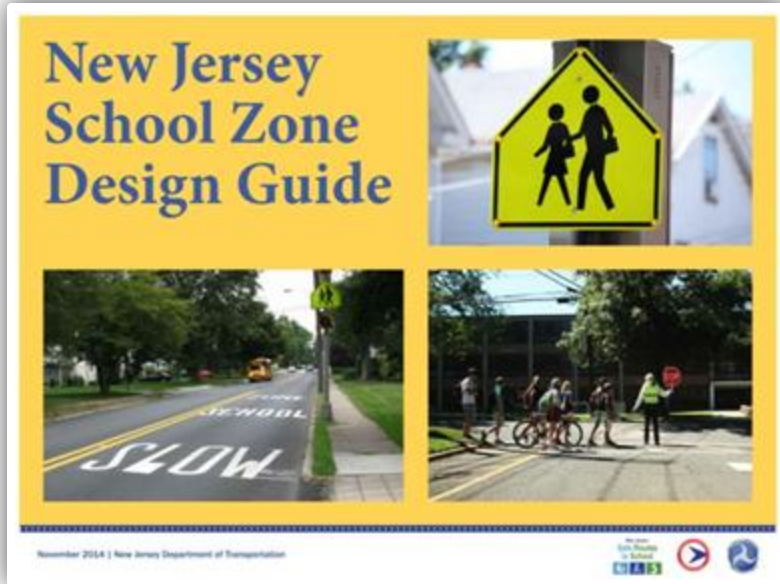
1. Complete Streets Design Guide
2. Complete & Green Streets for All: Model Complete Streets Policy & Guide
3. Planning for Greenways Guidebook



www.dot.nj.govs/transportation/eng/completestreets/resources

NJDOT School Zone Guides

saferoutesnj.org/nj-school-zone-design-guide



saferoutesnj.org/school-bicycle-parking-guide



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Overview

FY2027 Grant Solicitation Announcement Safe Routes to School

Application Deadline FY 2027: November 17 2026

NJDOT Announced the Grant Solicitation period for Fiscal Year 2027 Safe Routes to School is open.

Starting **August 17, 2026**, applications will be accepted through **November 13, 2026**

View Announcement [HERE](#)

FY 2027 Grant Solicitation – County Aid

[Murphy Administration announces \\$165 million in FY27 County Aid](#)

Application Deadline FY 2027: December 1, 2026.

NJDOT Announced the grant solicitation period for Fiscal Year 2027 County Aid program is open. Starting **July 30, 2026**, applications will be

accepted in PMRS for County Aid program through **December 1, 2026**

[County Aid 2027 Allotment](#)

dot.nj.gov/transportation/business/localaid

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NJ Transportation Management Associations



The counties below are serviced by multiple Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) based on the municipality:

Passaic County

EZ Ride	Clifton, Haledon, Hawthorne, North Haledon, Passaic, Paterson, Prospect Park
Avenues in Motion	Bloomington, Little Falls, Pompton Lakes, Ringwood, Totowa, Wanaque, Wayne, West Milford, Woodland Park

Essex County

EZ Ride	Belleville, Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Irvington, Maplewood, Montclair, Newark, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange, South Orange, Verona, West Orange
Avenues in Motion	Fairfield, Livingston, Millburn, Roseland, Short Hills, West Caldwell

Union County

EZ Ride	Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Fanwood, Garwood, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Union, Westfield, Winfield
Avenues in Motion	Berkeley Heights, Murray Hill, New Providence, Summit

Somerset County

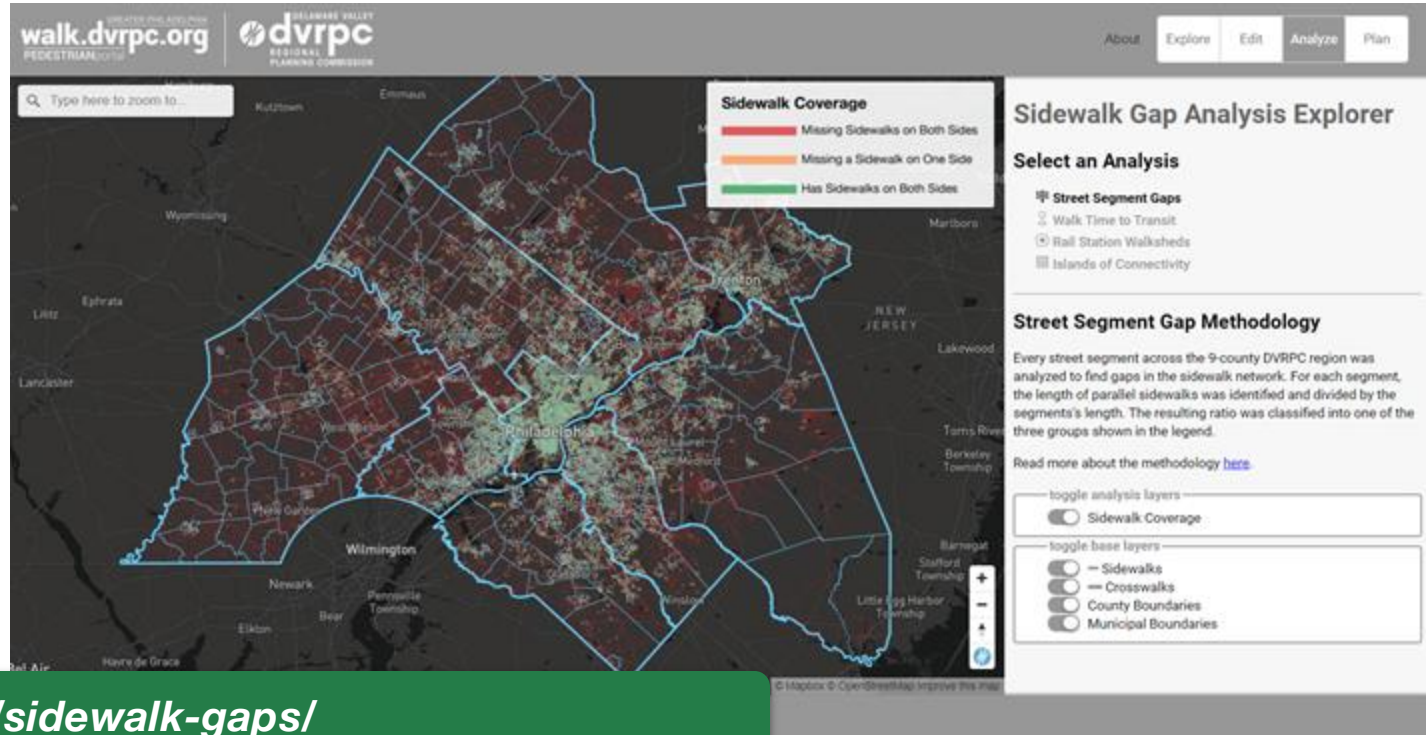
Greater Mercer	Montgomery
RideWise	All other municipalities in Somerset County

NJ Safe Routes Resource Center

- Estimating Improvement Costs
- Engineering and Design Solutions
- Models: School Wellness Policies, Support Letters, Resolutions
- Google Map tutorial
- School Travel Plans
- NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program
- Sustainable Jersey



DVRPC Sidewalk Gap Analysis



dvrpc.org/webmaps/sidewalk-gaps/

FHWA Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies

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Training

NJLTAP - Grant Management for Federal-aid Projects (Webinar)

Are you a recipient of a Federal Aid grant? Effective and efficient "management" of the funds received from such a grant is critical to insuring future eligibility and reimbursement. This course highlights key requirements and responsibilities that must be met as a condition to the grant.

[See details](#)

Training

NJLTAP - Construction and Project Cost Estimating for Public Works Projects (Webinar)

This course provides an understanding of practical applications for performing estimates on typical construction and maintenance projects. Various mathematical rules necessary to perform basic computations and formulas to perform cost and quantity calculations are reviewed.

[See details](#)

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Applying for Federal Safe Routes to School Programs Funds

Webinar Dates

Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 10am to
11:30am

Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Register at
saferoutesnj.org

Welcome & Key Dates - 2027 Solicitation



November 13, 2026

Safe Routes Grant Application Due

Aug 17- Oct 16, 2026

Pre-Application Meetings

September-October 2026

Application Information Webinars

August 17, 2026

Safe Routes Solicitation Announced

Q&A



Please Use Chat
to submit your questions

Thank you for attending!



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