

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Transportation
Agency Contact	John Paris (John.Paris@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	494-00-1002
Funding Opportunity Title	Safe Routes to School Program
CSFA Number	494-00-1002
CSFA Popular Name	Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
Anticipated Number of Awards	0
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$12,000,000
Award Range	\$2500 - \$250000
Source of Funding	Federal
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	Yes
Indirect Costs Allowed	No
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	07/07/2025
Application Date Range	08/01/2025 - 10/15/2025 : 4:30 PM
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/safe-routes-to-school.html
Technical Assistance Session	No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is the uniform method that information is communicated to potential applicants. It should provide detailed information to the applicant so that they may assess if they are eligible for funding, able to successfully manage the public funds, and meet applicable program objectives and performance measures.

Please read all instructions carefully and include all pertinent information for your program solicitation. The instructions for this form can be accessed [here](#).

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3. Agency Contact E-mail John.Paris@illinois.gov		4. Agency Contact Phone (217) 524-6756	
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10. CSFA Popular Name Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)		11. Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA No.) 20.205	
12. Anticipated Number of Awards unknown	13. Estimated Total Program Funding \$12,000,000	14. Award Range - Award Floor / Award Ceiling \$2,500.00 / \$250,000.00	
15. Source of Funding (mark all that apply)		Service Area (pick one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass through		<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> State		<input type="checkbox"/> Government Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Private/other funding		<input type="checkbox"/> Education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Human Services	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	
16. Indirect Costs Allowed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		17. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Restrictions on Indirect Costs: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		18. Posted Date 07/07/25	19. Application Date Open / Date Closed 08/01/25 / 10/15/25

If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction

20. Technical Assistance Session

Session Offered: Yes No Session Mandatory: Yes No Specify date and time _____

Provide link to registration, if applicable

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Program Description

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) was originally established as a stand-alone Federal-Aid program in August 2005 through the passage of SAFETEA-LU, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. The Illinois Safe Routes to School Program is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

SRTS uses a multidisciplinary approach to improve conditions for students who walk or bike to school. The program has three main goals: 1) to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school, 2) to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age, and 3) to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity (within 2 miles) of both public and private primary, middle schools, and high schools (grades K-12).

These goals are achieved through providing 100% reimbursable funding for Infrastructure and Non-infrastructure projects.

Eligible Infrastructure projects include Sidewalk Improvements, Traffic Calming/Speed Reduction Improvements, Traffic Control Devices, Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Improvements, On-Street Bicycle Facilities, Off-Street Bicycle Facilities, and Secure Bicycle Parking Facilities.

Eligible Non-infrastructure projects include a Walk & Roll to School Day or a Bike & Roll to School Day, a Bicycle Rodeo or Bicycle Safety Skills Clinic, a Student Pedestrian and Bike Safety educational event, a traffic garden (temporary, semi-permanent, or permanent), developing a crossing guard training program, walking school bus events, school/school district safe routes plan and evaluations for students, walkability and bikability checklist events, and many more.

Funding Information

Total Program Funding

\$12,000,000

Funding Sources (mark all that apply):

Federal or Federal pass through

State

Private/other funding

Funding Source Description

SRTS is a Federal-Aid program providing 100% reimbursement for eligible Infrastructure and Non-infrastructure projects. SRTS is a Federal-Aid program providing 100% reimbursement for eligible Infrastructure and Non-infrastructure projects (80% SRTS, 20% HSIP).

Funding Restrictions

Limited to a 2-mile radius around school and restricted to K - 12 grades.

Award Information

Award Floor

\$2,500.00

Award Ceiling

\$250,000.00

Award Start Date

05/07/2026

Award End Date

06/30/2029

Award Announcement Date

05/07/2026

Award Type

Competitive

Capital Grant

Yes No

Anticipated Number of Awards

unknown

Indirect Costs Allowed

Yes No

Cash Match Requirement

N/A

In-Kind Match Requirement

N/A

Other Funding Requirement

N/A

Submission Information

Submission Timeline Type

One-Time

Submission Open Date

08/01/25

Submission Close Date

10/15/25

Submission End Time

4:30 PM

Submission Timeline Additional Information

Refer to SRTS Funding Cycle 2025 Program and Application Guidelines found at <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/safe-routes-to-school.html>. Emails may be addressed to DOT.SafeRoutes@illinois.gov.

Allow Multiple Applications Yes No Application Review Start Date/Pre-Qualification Deadline
10/06/25

Other Submission Requirements
All applicants must have a UEI number and be registered with SAM.

Questions on Submission Information

Question Submission Open Date Question Submission Close Date Question Submission Email Address
DOT.SafeRoutes@illinois.gov

Question Submission Additional Information

Technical Assistance Session

Technical Assistance Session Yes No Yes & Mandatory

Session Date and Time

Conference Info / Registration Link

<https://idot.click/SPAC>

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type	Eligible Applicants	Change
Public	City or township governments County Governments Education Organizations Government Organizations Independent School Districts Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Special District Governments	

Additional Eligibility Information

Eligible project sponsors may be Schools or School Districts, Political Subdivisions (municipalities, cities, towns, etc.), Metropolitan Planning Organizations/Regional Planning Commissions, Councils of Government, Local and Regional Agencies (law enforcement agencies, health departments, etc.). Project sponsors are responsible for supplying the upfront costs of the project and will be reimbursed by IDOT.

Evaluation & Scoring

Criteria

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Review & Selection Process

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Additional Information

Additional Information (URL) / Link to Agency Application

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/safe-routes-to-school.html>

Additional Information URL Description

IDOT Safe Routes to School webpage - Guidelines provides updated cycle information.

Award Administration Information

State Award Notices

Letters of congratulations and implementation guidance will be sent to all awarded Sponsoring Agencies following the public announcement of awards.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

N/A

Reporting

Reporting Individual project sponsor grantee reporting requirements will be based on risk assessment scores. With regard to overall program reporting, the FHWA is responsible for generating a report on the status of Transportation Alternatives in connection to Section 1109 (b)(7) of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. 133(h)(7)). SRTS falls under this reporting category. IDOT will work with the FHWA on this report, and it will be submitted annually to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation on the status of Transportation Alternatives activities and project details, and it will be available to the public.

State Awarding Agency Contacts

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Other Information

N/A

Opportunity Review (IDOT GATA)

Opportunity has been reviewed and is approved for posting Yes No

Review Completed by Signature & Date

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