

Illinois Safe Routes to School
Funding Cycle 2019

What is Safe Routes to School (SRTS)?
SRTS is a federally funded grant program administered by state DOTs.

SRTS uses a multidisciplinary approach to improve conditions for the walk or bike to school.

The program has three main goals.

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.
- 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 primary and middle school (K-8).

Safe Routes to School utilizes the five basic program components, known as the "5 E's", that comprehensively address obstacles and create solutions:

- Engineering** - Creating operational and physical improvements to the infrastructure surrounding schools that reduce speeds and potential conflicts with motor vehicle traffic, and establish safer and fully accessible crossings, walkways, trails and bikeways.
- Education** - Teaching children about the broad range of transportation choices, instructing them in important lifelong bicycling and walking safety skills, and launching driver safety campaigns in the vicinity of schools.
- Enforcement** - Partnering with local law enforcement to ensure traffic laws are obeyed in the vicinity of schools (this includes enforcement of speeds, stopping for pedestrians in crossings, and proper walking and bicycling behaviors), and initiating community enforcement such as crossing guard programs.
- Encouragement** - Using events and activities to promote walking and bicycling.
- Evaluation** - Monitoring and documenting outcomes and trends through the collection of data, including the collection of data before and after the intervention(s).

Infrastructure projects may be funded for \$25,000 to \$200,000

Federal participation for the SRTS Funding Cycle 2019 will be 100% reimbursable.

All projects must comply with applicable State and Federal requirements – ADA, Title 23, NEPA, MUCTD, etc.

Because of funding limits, scope changes that may increase costs will not be considered.

Non-Infrastructure projects may be funded for \$2,500 to \$50,000

Preliminary Engineering (Phase I and II) and ROW/Easement costs will NOT be reimbursable.

Student Tally and Parent Survey results are required for every school affected by the project and are to be included with the project application.

The Illinois Safe Routes to School Program is administered by the Bureau of Programming in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and funds both Infrastructure (engineering) and non-infrastructure (education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation) initiatives.

Eligible Participants

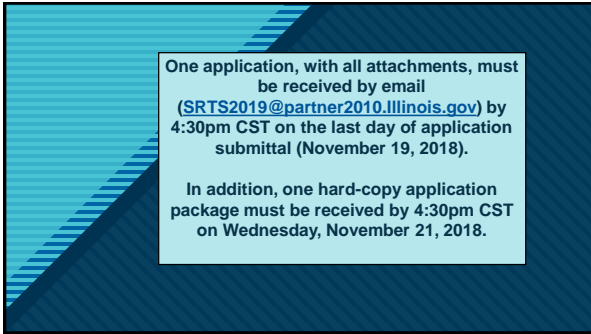
- Grade Levels:** Safe Routes to School projects must focus on students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Public grade schools, middle and junior high schools and grade centers that serve these ages are eligible. High schools and early childhood centers (that serve only pre-school children) are not eligible.
- Private Schools:** Private and parochial schools may also apply for SRTS projects. Infrastructure projects that serve private school locations are allowed as long as they are located on the public right-of-way. This may include projects on private land that have public access easements. Non-infrastructure activities are also allowed at private and parochial schools.

The group who will be administering the project(s) must apply as the Sponsoring Agency. A single Sponsoring Agency will be responsible for administering all project components of the application. The Sponsoring Agency will act as the fiscal agent for all projects and will put forth the initial funds for the project. Funds will be reimbursed through IDOT.

Application Sponsors

Infrastructure applications may be sponsored by Political subdivisions (municipalities, counties, townships) or other roadway jurisdictions. Schools and school districts may also apply for infrastructure projects provided they can demonstrate the ability to follow all Federal and State of Illinois policies, directives, and laws. Schools and municipalities must work together to determine the most beneficial improvements to best enable safe walking and bicycling for students.

Non-infrastructure applications may be sponsored by School districts, Political subdivisions (municipalities, counties, townships), Metropolitan planning organizations / regional planning commissions, Councils of government, Local, regional and state agencies (health departments, police departments), Non-profit organizations (PTA/PTO, community organization, health association, etc.).



One application, with all attachments, must be received by email (SRTS2019@partner2010.Illinois.gov) by 4:30pm CST on the last day of application submittal (November 19, 2018).

In addition, one hard-copy application package must be received by 4:30pm CST on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.



For additional information regarding the Illinois SRTS program you may contact:

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