ubicquia

SS4A Grant Application Preparation Checklist

Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

is a federal grant program established in the <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u> (BIL) intended to support regional, local, and Tribal public safety initiatives, including infrastructure equity, crime reduction, power resilience, and sustainability. This is very likely the largest federal infrastructure investment in our lifetime.

Combining the FY22, FY23, FY24 awards, SS4A has provided \$2.9 billion in federal funding to over 1,600 communities across the country. SS4A funding awarded to date will improve roadway safety planning for more than 70 percent of the nation's population.

We are entering into the fifth and final year of this grant program. As with many other sources of federal funding, the future is not certain.

There are two kinds of SS4A Grants available:

Planning and Demonstration Grants

Planning and Demonstration Grants provide federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement an Action Plan. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribal area, or region. According to grant analysts, competition to date in this category has been relatively scant and there has been high approval rates for qualified applicants.

Implementation Grants

Implementation Grants provide federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Eligible projects and strategies can be infrastructural, behavioral, and/or operational activities.

The 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has a few key differences compared to prior funding cycles.

There is a single application deadline of June 26th, 2025.

Updated definition: the term "underserved community" now aligns with the definition of "areas of persistent poverty." Removal of DEI and Climate Requirements: The FY25 NOFO has eliminated Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) and climate-related requirements, focusing more on safety outcomes.

ubiquia.com

ubicquia.

Step by Step Approach to SS4A

1. Decide which grant type(s) will best serve your goals, suits your state of readiness, and has the highest likelihood of a successful application.

- a. Planning and Demonstration Grants (\$100,000 \$5,000,000) due June 26, 2025
- b. Implementation Grant (\$2,500,000 \$25,000,000) due June 26, 2025

2. Key things you must do to apply:

- a. Obtain UEI Before submitting your materials, you must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number to apply. To request a UEI, please visit Sam.gov. Note: It may take up to 30 days to receive a UEI.
- **b.** Register in Valid Eval
 - Valid Eval is a third-party web-based evaluation platform used by USDOT and other Federal programs to support application submissions and evaluation. Applicants will submit their grant applications via Valid Eval.
 - Do Not Apply through Grants.gov. You must apply for SS4A grants through Valid Eval. Grants.gov will have the opportunity posted, but you cannot apply through Grants.gov.
- c. Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet (mandatory for Implementation Grant applicants OR Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants requesting funds for supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities only and are not in the process of developing an Action Plan)

3. Application Process

- a. 4 Standard Forms
 - Planning SF424, SF424A, SF424B, SFLLL
 - Implementation SF...424, 424C, 424D, LLL

b. Justice 40 – 2 tools available on US DOT site (Equitable Transportation and Climate and Economic Justice Screening)

4. Applicants who received Planning and Demonstration Grants or Implementation Grants in FY22 or FY23 may apply for additional SS4A funding for <u>new activities</u> in FY25

7. Application must include three statistics from the transportation department's publicly available data:

- a. Total roadway deaths over the last five years
- **b.** Average annual fatality rate for the last five years
- c. Percentage of the community's population that is considered underserved or in persistent poverty

8. Upcoming Webinars

- a. Implementation Grants | Tuesday, April 15 | Register to attend.
- b. Action Plans | Thursday, April 28 | Register to attend.
- c. Implementation Grants | Wednesday, April 23 | Register to attend.

ubicquia.

About Ubicquia

Ubicquia AI-driven platforms make existing critical infrastructure intelligent to reduce energy consumption, increase grid resiliency, and enhance operational efficiencies for utilities and municipalities. The company's advanced analytics platform leverages more than 2 billion data sets per day to deliver its customers actionable insights. Ubicquia's platforms, which include sensors, software, and connectivity, are compatible with over 360 million streetlights, 500 million transformers, and 1 billion utility poles worldwide. Ubicquia's platforms are deployed in more than 800 utilities and municipalities and its technologies are integrated on an OEM basis with leading manufacturers of streetlights, distribution transformers, and public safety video solutions. For more information visit www.ubicquia.com.

Solutions Eligible for SS4A Grant Funds (US DOT recognized Proven Countermeasures)

<u>UbiCell</u> is an intelligent lighting management system controller that allows for precise dimming and scheduling of streetlights to:

- Reduce glare
- Improve visibility
- Improve driver and pedestrian safety
- Remotely increase illumination (on-demand) to aid first responders when an accident occurs

<u>UbiHub</u> is a smart city platform that integrates LPR and situational awareness cameras, powered by streetlights, that supports:

- Vehicle speed detection and notifications
- Vehicle wrong way detection
- License Plate Recognition (LPR) solutions
- Situational awareness cameras for pedestrian safety