COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE ST. LOUIS REGION

Pre-Submittal Meeting

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Action Plan Pre-Submittal Meeting

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East-West Gateway Overview

- A regional council of governments as well as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the St. Louis region
- Total Population = 2,587,807 (MO: 2,026,525; IL: 561,282)
- Population in Underserved Communities: 825,874 (31.9%)

Existing Conditions

- Roadway Fatalities (2016-2020): 1,522 (MO: 1,175; IL: 347)
- Fatality rate per 100,000 persons: 11.76
- 300 lives lost per year
- 43% of all fatalities occur in underserved communities

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program Overview

- SS4A program established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- $5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years (2022-2026)
- Dedicated funding for safety projects to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries
- Grant Types Available:
  - Action Plan Grants
  - Supplemental Action Plan
  - Implementation Grants
- Funding is 80% Federal / 20% local Match

SS4A Program Overview – Why EWG Applied for an Action Plan

- The St. Louis region does not have an Action Plan that meets requirements for the implementation grant
- Action Plan will help to ultimately reduce fatalities and serious injuries in the St. Louis region
- The regional Action Plan will allow EWG, all eight counties and all 193 municipalities in the region to apply for federal implementation grants through SS4A in future rounds
- EWG applied for an Action Plan in Round 1 and was awarded

SS4A Program Overview – Grant Priorities

- Promote Safety;
- Employ low-cost, high-impact strategies that can improve safety over a wider geographic area;
- Ensure equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved communities, which includes both underserved urban and rural communities;
- Incorporate evidence-based projects and strategies; and
- Align with the Department's mission and with priorities such as equity, climate and sustainability, quality job creation, and economic strength and global competitiveness.

SS4A Program Overview – Action Plan Components

1. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting
2. Planning Structure
3. Safety Analysis
4. Engagement and Collaboration
5. Equity Considerations
6. Policy and Process Changes
7. Strategy and Project Selections
8. Progress and Transparency

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Safe Streets and Roads for All

Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOFO to correctly apply for a grant. See the SS4A website for more information.

Instructions: The purpose of this worksheet is to determine whether an applicant's existing plan(s) is substantially similar to an Action Plan for purposes of applying for an Implementation Grant or to conduct Supplemental Planning/Demonstration Activities only. Use of this worksheet is required. Applicants should not adjust the formatting or headings of the worksheet.

For each question below, answer "yes" or "no." If "yes," cite the specific page in your existing Action Plan or other plan(s) that corroborate your response, or cite and provide other supporting documentation separately.

An applicant is eligible to apply for an Action Plan Grant that funds supplemental action plan activities, or an Implementation Grant, only if the following two conditions are met:

- **Answer "yes" to Questions 3 7 9**
- **Answer "yes" to at least four of the six remaining Questions 1 2 4 5 6 8**

If both conditions are not met, an applicant is still eligible to apply for an Action Plan Grant that funds creation of a new Action Plan.

Lead Applicant: **UEI:**

1. **Are both of the following true?** ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - Did a high-ranking official and/or governing body in the jurisdiction publicly commit to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries?
   - Did the commitment include either setting a target date to reach zero, OR setting one or more targets to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries by a specific date?

   If yes, provide documentation:

2. **To develop the Action Plan, was a committee, task force, implementation group, or similar body established and charged with the plan's development, implementation, and monitoring?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

   If yes, provide documentation:

3. **Does the Action Plan include all of the following?** ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - Analysis of existing conditions and historical trends to baseline the level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across a jurisdiction, locality, Tribe, or region;
   - Analysis of the location where there are crashes, the severity, as well as contributing factors and crash types;
   - Analysis of systemic and specific safety needs is also performed, as needed (e.g., high risk road features, specific safety needs of relevant road users; and,
   - A geospatial identification (geographic or locational data using maps) of higher risk locations.

   If yes, provide documentation:

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4. **Did the Action Plan development include all of the following activities?** ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - Engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and community groups;
   - Incorporation of information received from the engagement and collaboration into the plan; and
   - Coordination that included inter- and intra-governmental cooperation and collaboration, as appropriate.

   If yes, provide documentation:

5. **Did the Action Plan development include all of the following?** ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - Considerations of equity using inclusive and representative processes;
   - The identification of underserved communities through data; and
   - Equity analysis, in collaboration with appropriate partners, focused on initial equity impact assessments of the proposed projects and strategies, and population characteristics.

   If yes, provide documentation:

6. **Are both of the following true?** ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - The plan development included an assessment of current policies, plans, guidelines, and/or standards to identify opportunities to improve how processes prioritize safety; and
   - The plan discusses implementation through the adoption of revised or new policies, guidelines, and/or standards.

   If yes, provide documentation:

7. **Does the plan identify a comprehensive set of projects and strategies to address the safety problems in the Action Plan, time ranges when projects and strategies will be deployed, and explain project prioritization criteria?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

   If yes, provide documentation:

8. **Does the plan include all of the following?** ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - A description of how progress will be measured over time that includes, at a minimum, outcome data.
   - The plan is posted publicly online.

   If yes, provide documentation:

9. **Was the plan finalized and/or last updated between 2018 and June 2023?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

   If yes, provide documentation:

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Action Plan Key Components

- Series of high injury networks at regional and county levels to identify where the majority of the fatal and serious injury crashes are occurring
- SS4A supplemental planning activities and/or implementation projects that can be applied for in the FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026 SS4A funding round
- Supplemental document that explains, summarizes, and simplifies the SS4A supplemental planning activities and implementation grant application process for the Council's partners

Scope of Work

Task 1 - Project Management/Administration

- Project Schedule
- Invoices
- Progress Reports

Scope of Work

Task 2 - Stakeholder Engagement

- Task Force
- Develop unified message *(i.e., what is Vision Zero)*
- Logo design and branding
- Website and social media content *(i.e., educational graphics)*

Scope of Work

Task 3 - Existing Conditions Analysis

- Documentation of national best practices and the region's existing safety policies, programs, and practices
- Graphics, maps, and data from crash analysis, showing regional safety trends over time, current trends, and public safety concerns
- Region-wide HINs (including, but not limited to: all modes, vulnerable populations, underserved communities, top contributing crash factor(s), Interstate collision hot spots, etc.)
- Eight county-wide geospatial maps with table/data package, identifying a prioritized list of high crash segments
- Crash risk assessment

Scope of Work

Task 4 - Implementation Strategy

- Statement, goal, and recommended phasing /timeline for eliminating roadway fatality and serious injury crashes
- Near-term and long-term contextual projects and strategies, including recommendations for new or revised laws, policies, guidelines, and/or standards
- SS4A supplemental planning activities and/or implementation projects that can be applied for in the FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026 SS4A funding round
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Scope of Work

Task 5 - Measuring Progress / Reporting

- Technical memo documenting methods to measure progress and strategies for public reporting

Scope of Work

Task 6 - Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

- Final Action Plan
- In-person presentations

SS4A Program Overview – Action Plan Components

1. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting (Task 4)
2. Planning Structure (Task 2)
3. Safety Analysis (Task 3)
4. Engagement and Collaboration (Task 2)
5. Equity Considerations (Task 4)
6. Policy and Process Changes (Task 3)
7. Strategy and Project Selections (Task 4)
8. Progress and Transparency (Task 2, 5)

Resources

- Safe Streets and Roads for All: https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A
- FY23 SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity: https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-03/SS4A-NOFO-FY23.pdf
- SS4A Resources: https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/resources
- SS4A Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet: https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/self-certification-worksheet

Consultant Contract

- Firm fixed price contract
- Maximum of $625,000 available for consultant work
- Anticipate consultant work to begin in late November / early December 2023
- Consultant work must be completed in June 2024
- Key deadlines for consultant work described in the RFP, Section I, Part B

D/S/W/MBE Participation

- The D/S/W/MBE requirements for the project can be found in Section VII of the RFP.
- There is not a D, S, W, or MBE goal set for the project; however, participation by these entity types is encouraged.
- A D, S, W, or MBE must be currently certified and registered with an approved organization. These organizations are described in Section VII, Part C of the RFP.
- Participation from a D, S, W, or MBE will not be double-counted.
- Use Attachments F and G to identify the D, S, W, or MBEs that are proposed for the project.
  - The dollar amounts listed in these attachments must match the amount listed in the Attachment A – Price Proposal.

Schedule

Description	Time (Local)	Date
Pre-submittal meeting	10:00 a.m.	08/25/23
Deadline for questions	**1:00 p.m.**	**09/06/23**
Submittals due	**1:00 p.m.**	**09/11/23**
Selection Committee review / firm short-listing*	n/a	09/22/23
Interview notices sent*	n/a	09/25/23
Interviews* / firm selected for contract award	n/a	10/03/23
Board meeting / contract award approval	n/a	10/25/23
Selection notifications sent	n/a	10/26/23
Project work begins	n/a	Late November / Early December 2023
Consultant work concludes	n/a	June 2024

*Note that short-listing and interviews are optional and may not be conducted.

Next steps

- Check EWG's website. Pre-submittal meeting materials and Q&As will be posted to the website:

  https://www.ewgateway.org/about-us/what-we-do/doing-business-with-ewg/contracting-opportunities/

- If you have questions:
  - Review Appendix 5 that includes FAQs about the process, proposal formatting, etc.
  - Submit questions to staci.alvarez@ewgateway.org.
  - Deadline to submit questions is **September 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. local time**.
- Submittals are due **no later than September 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. local time**.

Thank You!

Q&A

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