



What is Missouri's Safe Routes to School program?

The purpose of the program is to:

- (1) Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities in grades K-8, to walk, wheel, and bicycle to school;
- (2) 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) 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 of schools.

Who may apply for funding?

State, local, and regional agencies, schools, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding.

How much is Missouri's apportionments for this grant cycle?

At least 70% of funds received for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 will be use towards applications from this grant cycle. We have currently received \$1.6 million towards the 2011 fiscal year.

Is a match required?

No. The federal share of each project/activity shall be 100% reimbursable.

How do I apply?

Grant applications will be received beginning February 1, 2011 and are due by April 15, 2011. Applications are submitted online at <http://www.modot.mo.gov/safety/grant/index.htm>. Infrastructure Grant awards will be posted on the Safe Routes to School web site by June 30, 2011.

What may I apply for?

There are two areas eligible for funding, infrastructure and behavioral (non-infrastructure). Infrastructure grants are available for the grant cycle open from February 1, 2011 through April 15, 2011. We are currently not accepting non-infrastructure only grants.

What are infrastructure projects?

Infrastructure projects must be within a two-mile radius of the school and could include: sidewalk improvements, traffic calming, speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, bicycle parking facilities, traffic diversion. This list is not intended to be a comprehensive list. Other types of projects may be eligible if they reduce speed and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and access.

What are behavioral (non-infrastructure) activities?

Behavioral activities could include: public awareness campaigns, outreach to press and community leaders; traffic education, traffic enforcement within the vicinity of schools; student education on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health and environment; and funding for training. Enforcement activities must be implemented within a two-mile radius of the school. This list is not intended to be a comprehensive list. Other activities may be eligible.

All funding must be used to increase the safety of the children in grades K-8 to walk, bike and wheel to school.

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