



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation

Safe Routes to School Program

Non-Infrastructure Transportation Alternatives Program Overview –
Information for Prospective Applicants

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Agenda

- Program Overview
- Available Funding
- Eligible Programs and Activities
- Selection Criteria
- Conditions of Reimbursement
- Application Process
- Submission Instructions



Safe Routes to School

...Community-focused efforts to support more students safely walking and biking to school.

Where active travel to school is not possible, walk/bike *at* school programs provide physical activity and build skills.



NC SRTS Overview

- The purpose of this program is to:
 - Enable and encourage K-12 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 of schools.
- Priority for equity

Available Funding and Timeline

Available funds:

- Transportation Alternatives Program funds
- 100% funding
- Requests may range from an overall amount of \$50,000 to \$500,000 per project

Non-Infrastructure Program Timeline*

- Dec 12 Call for Proposals opens
- Dec 14 Informational webinar
- Feb 6 Applications due by 11:59 PM
- Feb 16 Review committee makes recommendations
- Mar 1 NCDOT presents awardee information to Board of Transportation
- Mar 13 Applicants are notified of award
- April Reimbursement agreement initiated

*This schedule is provided here to assist you in your planning. Actual dates may be subject to change.

Applicant Eligibility

- Eligible recipients include the following:
- Local governments
 - Municipality
 - County agency (e.g. Public Health, County Tourism or Economic Development Office)
- Regional Transportation Authority and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations under 23 U.S.C. 135(m)
- Natural Resource or Public Land Agency
 - Federal (USACE, National Forests, USFWS, and National Park Service)
 - State or local park or forest agencies (DENR)
 - State or local fish and game or wildlife agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools (public or nonprofit private schools)
- Tribal governments
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails, except MPOs or state agencies
- Nonprofit organizations that oversee the administration of local transportation safety programs

Eligible Programs and Activities

Eligible programs consist of:

- Education
- Encouragement
- Evaluation



Eligible Programs and Activities

Program and activity locations

- Need to be within 2 miles of a K-12 school, public or private

Example activities (not exhaustive)

- Pedestrian skills training (Let's Go NC!)
- Traffic garden
- Walk & Roll to School Day
- Walking school bus or bike bus
- Road safety audits
- Policies that support safe walking and biking
- Collecting school travel data



More resources available

Eligible Programs and Activities

Inappropriate Uses

- Programs and activities that do not specifically serve the stated purposes of the SRTS Program
- Projects that focus on pick-up and drop-off areas or procedures in order to make it more convenient for the drivers rather than to improve child safety and/or walking and bicycling access.
- Education programs that primarily focus on bus safety.
- Purchases of promotional or incentive materials that do not serve a training purpose.
- Purchases of bicycles, bike trailers or other equipment that does not comply with the Buy America Act.

Selection Criteria and Review Process

- Initial preliminary review
- Review Committee
 - NCDOT Staff
 - HSRC Staff
 - Other Representatives



Evaluation Criteria

Proposal quality

- Likelihood of success
- Collaboration
- Need
- Reasonableness of cost
- Comprehensive
- Experience
- Equity
- Fit



Conditions of Reimbursement

Funding provisions

- Enter into an agreement with NCDOT
- Notice to Proceed
- Review of training materials and or safety messages
- Periodic invoicing
- Progress reporting
- Evaluation



Application Process

- Submissions only accepted through online system.
- Upload:
 - Letter of commitment from Lead Agency (required)
 - Letter(s) of support from school(s) or school district(s) that are directly impacted by the proposed program (required)
 - Letter(s) from partners listed in budget (required)
 - Other letters of support (optional)

Thank You!

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For more information, please go to:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/BikePed/Pages/Non-Infrastructure-Alternatives-Program.aspx>

