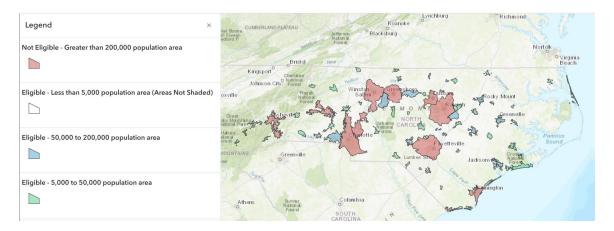
Pedestrian Safety Project Eligibility and Scoring Criteria

Project Eligibility

The call for projects is open to all local governments in North Carolina that are located **outside** of an urban area defined by FHWA, NCDOT and the applicable MPO as a population area over 200,000. Eligible suballocation classifications and anticipated funding include:

- < 5,000 population area \$14 million
- 5,000 to 50,000 population area \$4 million
- 50,000 to 200,000 population area \$6 million

Unobligated federal funds available to the Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects is limited to specific funding suballocation classification. Refer to this <u>map</u> to determine in which urban area (funding suballocation) classification the local government is located.



Areas outside the shaded areas are eligible for the "< 5,000 population area" funding suballocation.

This call for projects is specifically focused on improvements that will require little to no right-of-way acquisition in communities with high need for improved pedestrian safety. Eligible pedestrian safety projects include a range of pedestrian-focused improvements, such as:

- Marked crosswalks, curb ramps, visibility enhancements or traffic control at crossings
- Marked crosswalks, curb ramps and pedestrian WALK phasing at signalized intersections
- Improved crossings at unsignalized or midblock locations

Projects that score well but are not able to be quickly implemented due to the need for right-of-way or other complications may be considered for funding opportunities such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Selected projects will be further refined and adjusted to best address pedestrian safety. Coordination will occur with the municipalities that have selected projects.

NCDOT will reach out to specific communities to consider sponsoring projects, based on a combination of measures, including:

- Pedestrian crash rates
- Pedestrian crash risk scores
- Transportation Disadvantage Index (TDI)

Project Scoring Criteria

NCDOT will prioritize projects based on criteria developed for the NCDOT Vulnerable Road User Safety Program. The following criteria will be used to score individual projects:

- Pedestrian crash history
- Estimated pedestrian exposure
- Pedestrian Crossing distance
- Roadway traffic volumes
- Roadway speed limit
- Constructability
- Proximity to school