SR2S MICRO GRANT PROGRAM Frequently Asked Questions

Safe routes to school SOLANO COUNTY

Who may apply?

- Solano County schools and school districts (this includes K-12 public, private and charter schools)
- School organizations (clubs, PTA/PTOs)
- City departments
- Community-based organizations (CBOs)

How much funding is available?

\$100,000 from Transportation Development Article 3 funds
\$30,000 is the maximum request for Infrastructure Projects (installation or construction)
\$5,000 is the maximum request for Non-Infrastructure Projects

(incentive and safety equipment purchases)

How are the project awards determined?

A sub-committee of the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee (SR2S-AC), scores the grant applications and presents a list of preliminary award determinations to the SR2S-AC for recommendation. The list is then sent to the Solano Transportation Authority's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), comprised of public works directors for each city and the county. The TAC reviews the recommendation list for approval and then forwards a funding recommendation to the STA Board for final award.

When will I know if my project has been selected?

Project awards will be determined at the September 8, 2021 STA Board meeting. Applicants will be contacted by September 13, 2021 with final award determination.

Is there a time limit to complete the project?

Yes. The goal of the SR2S Micro Grant Program is to fund small-scale easily-implemented projects that will be **completed within one year** of the grant award.

Questions:

Karin Bloesch, SR2S Sr. Program Coordinator

For more information and to apply online: SolanoSR2S.ca.gov

Are letters of support a requirement for the application?

While letters of support and stakeholder outreach are taken into account while scoring, a letter is not required for some applications - see Grant Information online.

A Letter of Support **must accompany** an application in the following circumstances to ensure project completion should funding be awarded:

- 1. Applicant is requesting funding for a project and is not the project delivery agency (public works, district facilities dept., etc.)
- 2. Project is in the public right of way (street, crosswalk, sidewalk) and applicant is not the city public works dept.
- 3. Project is for installation/construction on school grounds (bike or scooter racks, permanent signage, etc.) and the applicant is not the facilities or construction dept.

I need a letter of support for my application, who do I contact?

If you are unsure who to contact for a letter of support, Karin Bloesch, Sr. Program Coordinator (707-399-3217 or kbloesch@sta.ca.gov) can provide the best contact depending on the proposed project. The SR2S Program regularly partners with city and school district staff on projects.

Outreach to the appropriate project delivery partners will help ensure the proper funding amount requested and the completion of the project should it be awarded funding.

Is there a funding agreement if my project is awarded?

Yes. If the project is awarded funding or incentives/equipment, a funding agreement will be included in the award announcement, and must be signed and returned within 30 days of award announcement and prior to the start of the project. A sample agreement can be found on the Micro Grant page at solanosr2s.ca.gov.

If my project is awarded, do I purchase the items?

If the project is for construction or installation by a school district or city, often the project delivery agency will complete the project then invoice the SR2S Program for reimbursement. This can be determined at the time of award announcement.

For incentives/safety equipment and smaller project awards, the SR2S Micro Grant may purchase the items directly and deliver to the school or organization. It is important to provide a listing of specific items and quantity requested within the grant application. If a school or organization prefers to purchase the items awarded within the grant, they may work with SR2S staff for reimbursement.

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