

# PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT GRANT

## 2023-2024



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Safe Routes to School Program  
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Proposals Due: August 21, 2023



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## WHY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MATTERS

The Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program works to encourage more students to walk and bike to school by identifying and implementing a balance of traffic calming and safety engineering projects, student education, encouragement, evaluation, and law enforcement coordination.

The goals of the program are:

- Increase the number of students walking and biking to school.
- Reduce traffic congestion around schools.
- Increase students' physical activity.

The SR2S program brings together city planners, traffic engineers, law enforcement and public health experts to create safer, less congested routes to school. A comprehensive SR2S program incorporates the 6 “Es” – Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering and Evaluation, and Engagement.

The current round of the Safe Routes to School Education and Enforcement Grant is intended to engage local law enforcement agencies in the Safe Routes to School program, with the goal to increase safety for those walking and biking to school in Solano County.

Applicants are provided with a checklist of eligible activities for ideas that support the goals and objectives of this collaborative opportunity.

## ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The main goal for SR2S enforcement strategies is to deter unsafe behaviors of drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and to encourage all road users to obey traffic laws and share the road safely. Enforcement is one of the complementary strategies that SR2S programs use to enable more children to walk and bicycle to school safely.

**Introducing the sixth  
Safe Routes to  
School Public Safety  
Education and  
Enforcement Grant  
to aid in:**

School site traffic  
reduction

An increase in  
awareness of traffic  
safety

An increase in  
proper driver  
behavior at school  
sites during heavy  
traffic times

An increase in  
safety for students  
walking and biking  
to school.



# PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT GRANT: UP TO \$150,000

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Individual jurisdictions may apply for a partial amount or up to the full amount of \$150,000. The deadline to apply is **August 21, 2023**. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a panel of SR2S staff. Grant recipients will be awarded by the STA Board at a future Board meeting.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to:

**Amy Antunano**  
**Assistant Program Manager, STA**  
**Email : [Aantunano@sta.ca.gov](mailto:Aantunano@sta.ca.gov)**

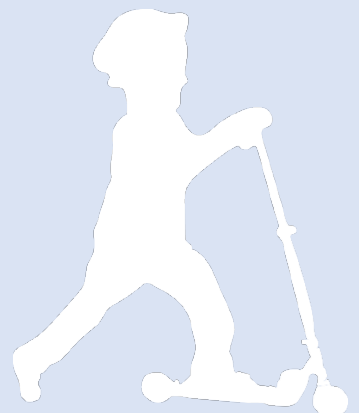
## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Organize and facilitate **public safety educational opportunities** for parents and students to identify successful self-enforcement strategies and messaging.
- **Support** SR2S staff and parents with identifying and solving enforcement issues **at schools** in the SR2S Program.
- **Provide an increased law enforcement** presence around schools during high traffic times to encourage safe driver behavior.
- **Implement strategies** to measure effectiveness of enforcement program (e.g., pre/post surveys, and traffic counts, ticket data, speed data, etc.).
- **Attend and encourage SR2S events** (Walking School Bus, Walking Day, Bike Rodeos, etc.).
- **Identify** activities and programs for agency involvement on the Grant Activities Checklist.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

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City and County departments in Solano County involved in public safety, including but not limited to police departments, fire departments, and county sheriffs may apply for this grant.



## GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Successful grant applicants will coordinate with the SR2S Program administrators to:

- Attend at least 2 per fiscal year, quarterly SR2S Advisory Committee meetings to present grant status reports that include participant information & feedback.
- Implement activities funded by the grant within 12 months of executing the funding agreement (e.g., available officer time).
- Provide an annual report detailing the results and best practices/lessons learned from the funded Public Safety Educational and Enforcement activities.

## APPLICATION EVALUATION:

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Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Potential to increase the safety of students walking or bicycling to school within the grant period.

Potential to increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school after the grant period, making a sustainable change.

Potential to produce a change in behavior of drivers around school zones at drop-off and pick-up times.

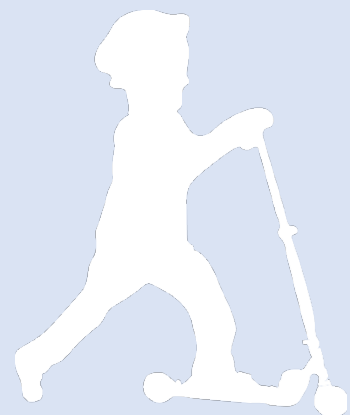
Estimated number of students & parents reached, and the quality of “reach”.

Potential for other public safety departments to replicate or benefit from this project.

Cost effectiveness (e.g., dollars per student/parent reached)

After the Application Evaluation, the Safe Routes to School Program will recommend projects for funding to the STA Board (anticipated date September 13, 2023) for award.

STA staff will then draft and enter into funding agreements with grant recipients prior to beginning any grant funded work.





## ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS CHECKLIST:

Use this form of eligible program activities to assist in developing a scope of work, as well as to develop a detailed budget for staff and administrative time for participation in activities.

ENCOURAGEMENT ACTIVITIES				
Attend Walk to School Day Events			Provide/Participate in Bike Rodeo Community Events	
Attend Walking School Bus/ Walking Day Launch			Attend "Coffee with the Principal" meeting to discuss traffic safety issues	
Participate in a school Walking School Bus, Walking Day, or Walk or Wheel (WOW) events			Work with Department Cadets to provide encouragement activities (this offers leadership opportunities for cadets)	
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES				
Attend Back to School Night/PTO Events: Provide presentation on traffic safety around schools			Attend local crossing guard training session	
Using existing Crossing Guard training materials, support city and school district crossing guard programs.			Provide Directed Enforcement around schools during drop-off and pick-up times	
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES				
Plan, lead <i>and/or attend</i> a Bike Rodeo event at district school or community wide event*			Develop a safe driver flyer/handout for driver safety laws around schools*	
Develop Traffic Safety Flyers/ Handouts for safe walking and biking to school*			Hold a community wide Safety Fair *(may be multi-agency, including a bike rodeo, traffic safety materials, helmet education and fitting, etc.)	
Provide Safety Assemblies to Schools*			<i>*All education activities should be conducted in partnership with SR2S staff, which includes Solano Public Health and SR2S Program Coordinators.</i>	
EVALUATION				
Provide citation, warnings, and enforcement numbers in relation to work around schools			Encourage Schools to participate in the annual Travel Tally Surveys	

## QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION

Any questions regarding the Proposal Application can be directed to:

Amy Antunano, Assistant Program Manager  
Solano Transportation Authority  
(707) 399-3210  
[Aantunano@sta.ca.gov](mailto:Aantunano@sta.ca.gov)

More information about the Safe Routes to School Program can be found online at  
[www.solanosr2s.ca.gov](http://www.solanosr2s.ca.gov)

Below are links to SR2S Enforcement Best Practices:

- National SRTS: Role for Law Enforcement resources & case studies  
<http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/>





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### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

#### Contact Information

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Grant Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions

Question #1: Please indicate how your proposal would address the STA's SR2S Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant Program Goals and Objectives as noted in the attached Grant Program Summary.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #2: Describe your proposed enforcement and education scope of work and plan of actions that will be undertaken. In addition, please include anticipated number of hours to accomplish the proposed scope of work and number of students and parents reached.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #3: The SR2S Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant has grant program requirements as shown in attached Grant Program Summary. Will your agency commit to these if approved for funding?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Question #4: Describe the collaboration required to carry out the scope of work and actions that will be undertaken to achieve the objectives:

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Answer:

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Question #5: Please describe any major resources needed for this project and how the resources would be utilized (e.g., staff consultant, equipment, materials, etc.).

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Answer:

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Question #6: Please provide a detailed budget that shows total project and cost breakdown for each major task/action, including a cost estimate for the project evaluation. In addition, please note any local match contributions and identify any cost sharing by multiple funding partners if available.

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Answer:

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