

# Funding Guidelines for the 2013/2014 Planning and Application

## Infrastructure Projects:

Infrastructure-related projects include the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure-related items within 2 miles of a school (K-8) that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school (K-8).

\$200,000 funding limit for the application and associated infrastructure project with a maximum \$160,000 SRTS funding (80%) and \$40,000 local match (20%) funding.

\$2,000 minimum funding per individual project

## Non-infrastructure Projects:

Non-infrastructure-related projects are intended to address activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school (grades k-8), including public awareness campaigns, traffic education and enforcement within 2 miles of a school(s), and student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health and environment.

\$30,000 funding limit for the application and associated non-infrastructure project, with maximum \$24,000 SRTS funding (80%) and \$6,000 local match (20%) funding.

\$2,000 minimum funding per individual project

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications will not be submitted online as in the last funding cycle. Separate applications will be required for infrastructure and non-infrastructure related projects. These two separate applications can be downloaded from our website, [www.dotil.gov/saferoutes/saferouteshome.aspx](http://www.dotil.gov/saferoutes/saferouteshome.aspx). After completion they are to be submitted to [DOT.SafeRoutes@ilfiinois.gov](mailto:DOT.SafeRoutes@ilfiinois.gov) along with required supporting documents.

Key items of note are:

- A travel plan will not be required.
- Municipality, county, township or park districts are eligible to sponsor.  
MPO's and nonprofit organizations are not eligible.
- School districts are eligible to sponsor non-infrastructure related projects.
- All projects must be within 2 miles of a public or private school that houses any combination of students in grades K-8.

All phases of a SRTS infrastructure project are eligible for this program, including preliminary engineering, land acquisition, construction and construction engineering (10% maximum). Information regarding local matching funds, or additional funds that will be used to fund the overall project should also be provided in the application. This will allow the department to effectively program SRTS funds and maximize the selection of SRTS projects. If a project is selected for funding, the notification letter will indicate for which fiscal year the project has been approved. Local agencies are expected to have these funds obligated within 1 year of the appropriate fiscal year.

We encourage the local agency and the school district to coordinate efforts towards the completion of the application(s). Questions should be directed to the Bureau of Safety Engineering at 217-782-3568 or by email at [DOT.SafeRoutes@illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.SafeRoutes@illinois.gov).

Local agencies will be notified of their selection by the department.