

Application Guidance:

Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio Department of Health

Providing \$1.7 million in funding for Education, Infrastructure, Planning and Data Collection

Guidance for applications due March 3, 2017 (5:00 PM)

As part of the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is offering \$1.7 M in state and federal Highway Safety Funds to support safe, active transportation. This is in a response to the rise in pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities across the state, as well as an ongoing chronic disease epidemic largely preventable by creating environments that support active lifestyles. These funds are reimbursable.

This funding will help jumpstart the [SHSP's Active Transportation Action Plan](#) (AT Plan) which was finalized in March of 2016 with two goals:

1. Increase the safety of active transportation users, and
2. Increase the number of Ohioans participating in active transportation

Important Dates:

- **January 3, 2017** – Applications available: [Click Here](#)
- **March 3, 2017 (5:00 PM)** – Application deadline
- **May 2017** – Applicants notified

Available Funding:

- \$1.7 Million

Project Example Types:

- **Education:** Campaigns, open streets/better block, Experiential Education (ride buddy, transit training), enforcement education, older driver education, etc.
- **Infrastructure/Demonstration:** Signs, signals, pavement markings, and other low-cost infrastructure (\$250,000 max per project) *
- **Policy/Planning:** Develop Active Transportation plans or policy
- **Data Collection:** Setting up a counting program

* Have a safety-related infrastructure project that exceeds \$250,000? You may still submit an application for that request and we will work on funding the project through other programs.

Required Project Information:

- For funding requests, a detailed cost estimate is required

Proposals will be reviewed and scored according to the following criteria:

- Team Collaboration: 0-10 points
- County Health Factors: 0-20 points
- County Median Income: 0-20 points
- Participation in community event promoting active transportation: 0-15 points
- How project supports active transportation: 0-30 points
- How project targets health equity issues within transportation: 0-15 points
- Readiness to implement project: 0-10 points

Note: In addition to the points above, project selection will be based on input from the selection committee, ODOT Safety team and additional information that may be requested for a specific project.

Glossary

- Active Transportation: Refers to any form of transportation that involves increased physical activity levels –notably walking, biking, or taking transit. (According to Active Living Research, public transportation users take 30% more steps per day and are less likely to be sedentary and obese.)
- Active Transportation Master Plan: A guiding document for bicycle, pedestrian, and multimodal connections throughout an area.
- Experiential Education: Learning about walking, biking, or taking the bus through hands-on participation and experience

Health Equity: Equal opportunity to be healthy, for all population groups. Equity in health thus implies that resources are distributed and processes are designed in ways most likely to move toward equalizing the health outcomes of disadvantaged social groups with the outcomes of their more advantaged counterparts. This refers to the distribution and design of resources, policies, and programs that play an important part in shaping health, many of which are outside the immediate control of the health sector.

([Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health 2003](#))

- Complete Streets Policy: transportation design guidelines that require streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation
- Active Transportation Policy: The basic principles by which a government is guided for projects promoting walking, biking, and public transit in communities
- Demonstration Projects: Testing of projects and ideas on the small scale to prove their effectiveness when implemented
- Chronic Disease: Diseases of long duration and generally slow progression. Unlike infectious disease, chronic diseases usually cannot be prevented by vaccines or cured by medication, but instead by behavioral factors such as nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco reduction ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)).
- Mobility: The ability to move freely and easily to reach desired goods, services, activities and destinations
- Health Factors: Influences on the health of an individual or community. County Health Rankings measure four types of health factors: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic, and physical environment factors. ([County Health Rankings](#))

- Median Income: The income at which half the households earn more and half the households earn less. ([County Health Rankings](#))