

Safe Routes to School Eligibility Changes for State Funds

2015 Eligibility Changes

In 2015, the following eligibility requirement was added to the state SRTS program:

[Minnesota Statutes 174.40, subd. 4a](#)

Subd. 4a. Eligibility. A statutory or home rule charter city, county, or town is eligible to receive funding under this section only if it has adopted subdivision regulations that **require safe routes to school infrastructure** in developments authorized on or after June 1, 2016.

How does the change affect eligibility for non-infrastructure grants?

This eligibility requirement does not apply to non-infrastructure funds. There is no change to eligibility for mini-grants, bicycle fleets, or planning assistance grants.

How does the change affect eligibility for infrastructure grants?

The eligibility requirement will be added to statewide SRTS infrastructure solicitations when state funds are available. To prepare for future solicitations, MnDOT recommends communities review their subdivision regulations with their SRTS team, local planners, attorneys and elected officials to see if they meet the requirements or should adopt new subdivision regulations.

What is SRTS infrastructure?

A definition for SRTS infrastructure was not provided under [Minnesota Statutes 174.40](#). Since the program is modeled after the federal program, eligible SRTS infrastructure –related projects and improvements for non-motorized transportation under the [federal SRTS program](#) may be considered SRTS infrastructure. Types of SRTS project funded through the SRTS program include sidewalks, shared used paths, curb extensions and pedestrian crossing enhancements. More information on the projects funded are available on the [Safe Routes to School website](#).

What will an applicant need to include in an application?

The applicant applying for infrastructure funds will be asked to provide a signed resolution by the applicable governing board acknowledging and confirming compliance with the requirements under [Minnesota Statutes 174.40, subd. 4a](#).