Application

Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School Programs

Federal Funding for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, 2029

October 2026

Submission Deadline: February 19, 2027







COLORADO
Department of Transportation

At-a-Glance

Submission of this completed form is the final step for applicants in seeking a portion of Colorado's federal fiscal years 2027, 2028 and/or 2029 funding allocation of the Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School grant programs.

This is a combined call for grant seekers. Therefore, any applicant interested in either TAP or SRTS will submit one application per project. To submit an application, you must have already submitted a Letter of Interest (LOI), had your project preliminarily reviewed by CDOT staff, and been invited to proceed with submitting an application. For each submitted application, both funding programs will be considered and the funding type awarded will be based on the project scope applicability.

Instructions

To be considered for these funds, a complete Letter of Interest (LOI) must have been submitted before **December 15, 2026**. Please integrate any necessary feedback from your LOI review into your project, and share evidence of that integration in this application. The completed application must be submitted via the link provided via e-mail by **February 19, 2027**. Responses to the questions in this application will be used by review committee members to score your application and recommend application disposition. Please respond to each question with clear and complete answers. Please see scoring categories, weights, and data used to inform decisions in the Guidance Book.

Support Services Available

CDOT is available to provide guidance on project eligibility, best practices in grant writing for these programs, and whether these funding sources are the best fit for your project and agency. However, we are not able to provide specific writing advice or recommendations.

To schedule a consultation, please email: active.insights@state.co.us. *Notes about this offering:* As deadlines approach, staff availability and open consultation slots become increasingly limited. Please consider requesting time early in your brainstorming or drafting process, and well before any deadlines approach. If consultation demand exceeds staff availability, we will provide consultation for proposals on a first come, first served basis prior to program deadlines.

Applicant Parameters

1. Each eligible applicant may submit up to two grant applications.
2. The submission deadline is firm.
3. The applicant must be eligible to be a federal grant recipient. If your agency is currently ineligible under either parameter listed below, please ensure they are resolved prior to the February 19, 2027 application deadline. Because resolving these issues can take time, we strongly encourage starting the process promptly.
    a. Federal regulations prohibit CDOT from awarding federal funds to any entity that has been excluded, suspended, or debarred from receiving federal contracts. Prior to review, CDOT will verify the entity's eligibility in the federal SAM.gov system.
    b. Applicant does not currently have any other projects with CDOT that are on the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) inactive projects report.

What's Next

Following application review, award decisions will be shared with you in June/July of 2027.

Overview

Contact

Agency name (formal)

Mailing address

Application primary contacts table

	Grant Writer	Project Manager
Name		
Title		
Phone		
E-Mail		

Quick Project Summary

Project Name

Requesting Grant amount: $

Select Primary Project Category:

Primary Project Category

Quick Project Overview (no more than 3 sentences)

Endorsement/Commitment

Applicable Laws: By completing and submitting this Application, you acknowledge your agency's Chief Elected Official (e.g. Mayor, Council President or County Commission Chair) or City/County Manager or equivalent, has certified they support this grant request to be submitted for funding and will follow all State fiscal policies, and State and Federal regulations (including the Americans with Disability Act) for your entire project, if awarded.



Scenic Byways, Colorado River Headwaters, Grand Lake Lodge. Photo by Salley Pearce, CDOT.

Project Details

Safety

Please describe any current safety issues, and include evidence such as physical or perceived obstacles and risks to transportation users, such as crash history, traffic counts, community and school surveys or audits, etc.

Please clearly explain how the proposed project will alleviate the safety issues. In addition, please share any relevant evidence to support why you selected your proposed project approach.

Mobility Choice

How does the project address a critical gap and meet existing demand and/or latent (unmet) demand? Please provide evidence of existing or latent demand within the project location.

How does the project increase the availability, accessibility, and convenience of the improvement project category?

Connected Communities

How does your project serve essential destinations such as transit services, parks, trails, recreational destinations, educational institutions, and main street or lower-speed downtown environments? What is the potential economic impact of the project related to tourism and/or quality of life improvements?

Community Need

Which of your community members will benefit the most from this project? If relevant, describe how it will impact vulnerable road users (children, older generations, or those with limited access to personal motor vehicles) and/or those who may experience greater social, health, economic or environmental disadvantages.

If you have community survey data results that support the need for this project, summarize results here and share a link to these results (if available). If this is a Safe Routes to School project and you chose to collect parent survey and/or student survey data using the linked free survey tools, share these results here.

Please describe how you will engage the community members most impacted by this project. Please share any relevant key project partners already identified?

Where does this project fall within the applicant's prioritized transportation projects lists? Please share evidence via a local list and plan, such as a long range plan, local action plan, and/or strategic plan with project priority lists.

Neighborhood Centers

Is the project located in or within 1 mile of a DOLA designated or pending neighborhood center or transit center?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Pending

Project Scope

Schedule

Has the schedule changed from your LOI submission? If yes, please complete the questions below. If not, please skip.

Have you already begun this project? If yes, where are you in the project lifecycle?

Please share the proposed or expected project schedule in the table below. Include if these dates are flexible or firm, based on other funding deadlines and/or construction commitments.

Schedule Table

Date Estimate	Project Phase	Status: Flexible or Firm?
		Status
		Status
		Status
		Status
		Status

Project Elements

Have the elements changed from your LOI submission? If yes, please complete the questions below. If not, please skip.

What are the major elements included in this project?

Elements Table

Element	Description
Ex: Sidewalks	*Re-construction of ADA compliant sidewalks for 1 mile*
Ex: E-Bike Program	*Integrating a 3-year safety awareness program into the Physical Education curriculum of Middle Schools C and D.*

Financial Management

Reimbursement based grants may require the grantee to hold multiple months of incurred costs (e.g. construction payments) before reimbursements are completed.

Are you financially prepared for this? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Budget Table

Has the budget changed from your LOI submission? If yes, please complete the questions below. If not, please skip. Provide a project budget and funding sources below. Note any spending deadlines and whether the funds are secured, pending approval, or are conditional.

Total Project Cost: $

Amount	Source	Status:	Deadline
$	Requesting Grant amount	Pending	
$		Status	
$		Status	
$		Status	
$		Status	
$		Status	

Total Amount: $ 0.00

Note: Total Amount is auto-calculated from the amounts entered in the budget table. Ensure the total amount equals the Total Project Cost provided above.

Match

Auto-calculated 20% match (of grant requested amount): $ 0.00

Are you eligible for and requesting a match waiver? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Attachments

Please be prepared to submit these attachments:

1. This completed application
2. If you are requesting infrastructure (design or construction-related) funds, please share the following:
    - Sketches/drawings of proposed improvement
    - Current condition photos
    - Right-of-way ownership or easement evidence

Optional attachments that support your application can include:

3. Letters of support, feel free to add up to 3 that are recent and relevant
4. Relevant action plan, long-range plan (relevant sections only please) or strategic plan
5. Relevant local interest evidence via survey results, such as parent or student surveys, local community priorities, etc.



South Platte River and Lakewood Gulch Trails. Photo by Scott Cowart