



Indiana Safe Routes to School Grant Application

Background

Health by Design (HbD) is offering the first of three rounds of **mini-grants of \$2,500 to \$10,000** to support Safe Routes to School (SRTS) activities across Indiana. This assistance is intended to support the development of initiatives that make it safer and easier for children to walk, bike, and/or roll to and from school and throughout their communities.

Quick Facts

Application deadline: March 7, 2025

Award amount: \$2,500 - \$10,000

Grant duration: 6-12 months

Grant Amount & Use of Funds

Awardees will be provided with as many as 10 hours of technical assistance, plus up to \$10,000 to be put toward SRTS activities. It is expected that only one grant will be awarded per community. Health by Design can provide technical assistance to support policy, project, plan and/or program development and implementation.

Eligibility & Program Requirements

Our goal is to enable communities to take actions aimed at increasing the number of families that choose walking, biking, and rolling as their preferred way to get their children to and from school. **While individual schools and school districts are the primary recipients, all local, regional, county, and tribal entities along with community groups, non-profits, and neighborhood organizations are eligible and encouraged to apply.** Political support of SRTS initiatives is critical. Please demonstrate political support for your initiatives by providing a letter of support from a local school district official, elected official, or municipal staff.

To be eligible for assistance, all applicants must:

1. Demonstrate a commitment to the [six SRTS principles and practices](#) (Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Engagement, Evaluation, Equity) relevant to the project in the description of how grant funds will be used.
2. Provide at least two letters of support from community partners such as the local school corporation, municipal agency, library, community organizations, local health organizations, etc., pledging support of this work. One of these letters must be from an elected or municipal official.
3. Work toward development and adoption (or update) of a SRTS Plan and/or Policy.

Reporting requirements, including timelines and templates, will be tailored according to the details outlined in each grantee's proposal. Each grantee will be required to submit a success story at the end of the grant cycle.

Assistance & Eligible Activities

HbD can provide general assistance with the development and implementation of policy, project, plan and/or program development that support Safe Routes to School initiatives, including:

- Policy – assist with development of overarching policies that support future SRTS planning and implementation strategies. This could be a school, district, or community level SRTS policy, ordinance, guide, or plan.
- Project – assist with managing and/or implementing a chosen project. This could be a demonstration project or one day event like Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Day.
- Program – assist with the development or implementation of programs aimed at generating support for a sustained SRTS program.

Below is a **non-exhaustive** list of sample and excluded activities:

Sample activities:

- Expenses related to a Walking or Bicycling to School event
 - Including supplies for bike rodeos/purchase of bicycles for students (including accessible bicycles, standing bicycles, etc.)
- Policy development
- Development and/or attainment of teacher curriculum
- Temporary/pop-up demonstration projects
 - Including permanent or semi-permanent signage/supplies for use in demonstration projects
- Additional technical assistance outside the scope of Health by Design

- Bike racks or other safety equipment, totaling one-third or less of total grant funding approved on a case-by-case basis
- Additional supplies/incentives with certain limitations

Excluded activities:

- Salaries for current/new staff
- Funds for substitute teachers
- Vehicle/storage/capital facilities
- Operational costs

Required Application Documents

1. One response to the application questions below, not to exceed the noted character limitations.
2. A minimum of two letters of support from community stakeholders.
3. Written acknowledgment that eligibility requirements have been met.

Applications for the first round of funding are due at 11:59pm ET on March 7, 2025. Award notifications will be distributed in March 2025.

Please submit all required application documents via email to Ashlyn Devine (adevine@hbdin.org) and CC Anne-Marie Taylor (ataylor@hbdin.org) with the subject "SRTS Grant Application - [YOUR ORGANIZATION]."

Applications received after the deadline may be considered under certain circumstances. If you cannot make the application deadline, please reach out to Ashlyn Devine (adevine@hbdin.org) as soon as possible.

Questions or need assistance with the application? Email Ashlyn Devine at adevine@hbdin.org

Application Questionnaire

Name and Type of Organization:

Project Contact:

Email:

Website:

Address:

1. Please describe the need for SRTS technical assistance in your community. (2500 characters max)

2. Please describe how the grant funds will be used. Include how the six SRTS principles and practices will be considered. (2500 characters max)
3. What parties will be responsible for overseeing and executing the use of grant funds? Please specify key personnel, their roles, and any partnering organizations. (2500 characters max)
4. What barriers is your community experiencing with respect to walking or biking to school? (2500 characters max)
5. Describe how you will leverage this grant funding and technical assistance to further community goals. (2500 characters max)
6. How will your SRTS initiatives address equity in your community? (2500 characters max)
7. Have you ever received technical assistance from Health by Design in the past? If yes, please briefly list and describe. (500 words max)
8. Please list any relevant plans, policies, or programs that currently exist in your community that may support or complement your desired SRTS plans. (500 words max)
9. How would you describe your community's potential to implement changes or develop projects that arise from this assistance? (2500 characters max)