

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Program (PBP) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Part I Webinar April 12, 2022

Questions and Answers Report

Last Name	First Name	Time Asked	Question Asked	Answer Given
Perez	Judith	09:17:42 AM	Could you please expand on the practical solutions evaluation.	If your project is within WSDOT rights of way the applicant will need to work with the WSDOT region office to finalize the project scope before it is submitted. This should include a practical solutions evaluation. Also, during the site visits WSDOT staff will work with the applicants to address the reviewers comments. Sometimes this includes considering alternate treatments and a practical solutions process.
Van Tilburg	Pete	09:36:54 AM	Link for tomorrow's webinar? Also link for Regional Local Programs Engineer?	Here is the registration link to the PBP and SRTS Application Webinar Part II – Information about the application and how to apply https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8200471502322098190 and here is the link where you can find the Region Local Programs Engineers contact information https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/support-local-programs/contact-support-local-programs
Hu	Rita	09:38:22 AM	What is the likely maximum award amount from each program?	There is no maximum award amount for the programs.
Howe	Jon	09:38:48 AM	Can a grant application include both development/design and construction phases?	An application can either be an infrastructure/construction type project that includes a PE and ROW phase or a development and design only type project.
Ellis	Matthew	09:38:52 AM	If a project is awarded a design development grant, can it be eligible for a construction grant later?	Yes

Mulligan Hartsoch	Elizabeth	09:38:56 AM	oops! The link "The WSDOT website has a request crash data form for project planning." on this site returns an error 404 https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/support-local-programs/funding-programs/pedestrian-bicycle-program/pedestrian-bicycle-program-call-projects	Thank you for letting us know we will fix the problem as soon as possible.
Fetzner	Jessica	09:38:57 AM	I am a parent at an elementary school that lacks sidewalks in our designated "walk Zone" Where should I start in this process?	Contact the agency that has jurisdiction for the location. If it is along a city street that would be the city public works department, if it is along county road that would be the county public works department and if it is on a state route that would be the Region Local Programs Engineer. You may also want to reach out to the school or school district to include them in the conversation.
Burkhart	Arlette	09:39:14 AM	Our City is considering applying for the Safe Routes to School grant, however half of the street is in our jurisdiction and the other half belongs to a different city. Can our City apply for our half solely?	If the project is for a sidewalk or a shared use path along the road, that could be OK on one side of the street so long as there are safe opportunities to crossing the street. If it is for a bike lane on one side or the street only that would be a problem if there is not a bike lane on the other side of the street the bicyclist wouldn't be able to go in both directions to and from their destination.
Ellis LaCombe	Matthew Deborah	09:39:36 AM 09:39:57 AM	Are there DBE requirements for this grant? Study the combinations of countermeasures which would best address the complex multiple entry intersection at a school. Would this be covered under both programs?	Yes, for projects that receive federal funding. Funds for treatments to improve a complex multiple entry intersection could be awarded under either program. Our preference is that projects within 2 miles of a school that would serve children walking or biking to school be submitted as a SRTS project.
Brown	Rob	09:39:58 AM	WSDOT is responsible for approving channelization on all state highways so local agencies need to work with WSDOT for changes to state highway inside their city.	Thank you for the clarification.
Van Tilburg	Pete	09:41:12 AM	Average award amount for "Education and Encouragement Only"	There is no average award amount for "education and encouragement only" projects.

White	Carli	09:41:46 AM	Are previous awarded project applications available to view to see as examples?	Yes, let Charlotte or Brian know which you'd like to see and we will make it available to you.
Burkhart	Arlette	09:42:06 AM	Can Jurisdictions apply for development/design only project and apply again for construction project the following biennium, if awarded?	Yes
Salemann	Jennifer	09:42:15 AM	Can you explain again how to decide when a Preliminary Engineering/Right of Way project is best considered Construction versus Development/Design-Only?	If you've already done your community outreach, you have a good understanding what will be built and you are ready to start preliminary engineering an infrastructure/construction type project that includes preliminary engineering and right of way is a good option. I you are starting the process and will be using community input to finalize the scope of a project a development/design only project is a good option.
Smith	Kelly	09:44:50 AM	Did you say these slides would be available online somewhere? And if so, where can we find them?	Yes, on the call for projects web pages in the section about the webinars.
Hu	Rita	09:45:26 AM	If a proposed project is located within the two Cities and serving schools within the two Cities (in the same school district), can the two cities submit a joint application?	The preference is for local jurisdictions to apply for improvements only within their jurisdiction.
Ellis	Matthew	09:47:16 AM	How often does this grant opportunity `become available?	Once every two years.
Fetzner	Jessica	09:49:36 AM	Our elementary school is located in Whatcom county but the school itself is part of the Bellingham city school district. Does this change anything in terms of funding?	No it shouldn't change anything. If the project location for improvement is adjacent to a county road the county should apply for the funding. If it is on school grounds the school should apply and if it is along a city street the city should apply.
LaCombe	Deborah	09:49:37 AM	Are the health links on your SRTS and PBP websites?	Yes, we had a problem during the webinar but they will be posted on the call for projects pages.
Fitzpatrick	Kathy	09:49:45 AM	Are there SRTS planning funds for schools or school districts that would include project prioritization and education/encouragement?	Education/encouragement only type projects are eligible but they cannot be included with a development/design only application.
Sammet	James	09:50:37 AM	Is this presentation going to made available?	Yes, the slides are available on the WSDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Call for Projects website

Fitzpatrick	Kathy	09:52:43 AM	Re: the question above, my concern is that these programs favor a piecemeal process, funding project after project, without taking a comprehensive view of the local transportation system.	It is up to the local agencies to take a comprehensive approach to their local transportation system. It is outside of the scope of WSDOT to try to do that with these programs.
Van Tilburg	Pete	09:53:57 AM	Links for April 26 and 28 workshops?	The link will be posted as soon as it is available. Please hold the dates.
SUTTON	Jeff	09:55:53 AM	If agency is has a current awarded project can the apply and will this impact the scoring?	Yes, they can apply. It will only have an impact on the scoring if the agency is having a deliverability problem.
Ed	Christopher	09:56:01 AM	where can we request that information from previous applications?	Request the information from Charlotte or Brian. Would contact information is on the call for projects website.
Lytton	Alan	09:57:13 AM	Can an application be submitted without preliminary design completed? Does a plan view and cross section suffice?	Yes, an infrastructure/construction application can be submitted without preliminary design being complete.
SUTTON	Jeff	10:01:10 AM	What options do you have to adjust budgets post grant award due the economic uncertainty?	We do not have an option to adjust the budget post award. Please include a contingency amount in your budget to cover added costs associated with economic uncertainty. In the budget template I recommend 30% of the request should be for contingency costs.