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***What is Missouri's Safe Routes to School program?***

The purpose of the program is to:

- (1) Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities in grades K-8, to walk, wheel, and bicycle to school;
- (2) Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- (3) Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

***Who may apply for funding?***

State, local, and regional agencies, schools, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding.

***How much is Missouri's apportionments for this grant cycle?***

Approximately \$5.9 million dollars

***Is a match required?***

No. The federal share of each project/activity shall be 100% reimbursable.

***How do I apply?***

Grant applications will be received beginning February 1, 2008 and are due by March 31, 2008. Applications can be submitted online at <http://www.modot.mo.gov/safety/SRTSGrants.htm>. Non-Infrastructure Grant awards will be posted on the Highway Safety web site on July 1, 2008. Infrastructure Grant awards will be posted November 3, 2008.

***What may I apply for?***

There are two areas eligible for funding, infrastructure and behavioral (non-infrastructure).

***What are infrastructure projects?***

Infrastructure projects must be within a two-mile radius of the school and could include: sidewalk improvements, traffic calming, speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, bicycle parking facilities, traffic diversion. This list is not intended to be a comprehensive list. Other types of projects may be eligible if they reduce speed and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and access.

***What are behavioral (non-infrastructure) activities?***

Behavioral activities could include: public awareness campaigns, outreach to press and community leaders; traffic education, traffic enforcement within the vicinity of schools; student education on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health and environment; and funding for training. Enforcement activities must be implemented within a two-mile radius of the school. This list is not intended to be a comprehensive list. Other activities may be eligible.

All funding must be used to increase the safety of the children in grades K-8 to walk, bike and wheel to school.

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