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PHILIP H NITOLLAMA from Riverside,

The City of Riverside Neighborhood Safety Investment Project, for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, was selected for an award of \$7,448,000 in Federal funding. This includes \$6,648,000 for implementing projects and strategies, and \$800,000 for supplemental planning and demonstration activities. Congratulations!

Key Information and Requirements: This email is not authorization to begin work, and it does not guarantee Federal funding. USDOT and Riverside must establish and execute a signed, mutually agreed upon grant agreement prior to the obligation of award funds. No costs incurred before USDOT signs and executes the grant agreement will be reimbursed or counted toward the 20% cost-share requirement. For information related to match and cost-sharing in the SS4A context, please review <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/match-and-cost-share-examples>.

We strongly recommend that you also review the [FY 2024 SS4A NOFO](#) and consider the following important notes:

- **2 CFR part 200:** All SS4A awards will be administered pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards found in [2 CFR part 200](#) (NOFO p. 36). We encourage awardees to take the [free FHWA training](#) on these requirements (https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=1&key=231034&sf=0&course_no=231034).
- **Allowable Costs:** To be considered allowable, costs incurred must be reasonable, necessary, and allocable, as described in [2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E – Cost Principles](#).
- **Use of Other Federal Funds:** While SS4A grant recipients may also use other sources of Federal funding toward a SS4A project, administering a project that includes Federal funds with other requirements, such as funds under Title 23, United States Code, will result in increased complexity and such grant agreements will take longer to execute.
- **Phased Projects:** If your Implementation Grant project encompasses multiple project phases, funds will be obligated separately for each individual phase. The Period of Performance (maximum 5 years) will begin upon grant agreement execution. (NOFO p. 13)
- **Implementation and Planning Funds:** If your award also includes planning funds for supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities (element A), the funds awarded for those activities must not be shifted to fund Implementation activities (elements (B) and (C)).
- **Supplemental Planning:** The final deliverable for supplemental planning is a written product that connects to, supports, and enhances an Action Plan. (NOFO p. 9)
- **Demonstration Activities:** The final deliverable is an assessment of the demonstration activities and an updated Action Plan that incorporates the information gathered from the demonstration activities into the Action Plan’s list of projects or strategies and/or informs another part of the Action Plan. (NOFO p. 10)
- **Maintenance Activities:** Maintenance activities for an existing roadway primarily to maintain a state of good repair are not an eligible activity. Please review Section 4 for more information about “Eligible Activities and Costs.” (NOFO p. 17)
- **Enforcement Activities:** Any activities related to compliance or enforcement efforts to make our roads safer should affirmatively improve equity outcomes as part of a comprehensive approach to achieve zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries. (NOFO p. 17)

- **Educational and Outreach Materials:** Any educational or outreach materials charged to the grant must align with the project goals and roadway safety. Costs of promotional items and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs are unallowable. Costs of advertising and public relations designed solely to promote the non-Federal entity are unallowable. ([2 CFR 200.421](#)) USDOT's [Use of DOT Funds for Public Involvement FAQs](#) can assist in determining eligibility of related costs.

Immediate next steps: USDOT made public announcements related to the awards on Thursday, September 5 and published a short summary of the proposal from your application on our Safe Streets and Roads for All website as part of the public announcement, pursuant to Section H Part 1 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). If you want to modify what is provided on our website once you see it, please let me know by emailing SS4A@dot.gov. The website link is <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.

What to expect in the next few weeks: My colleagues at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are responsible for establishing and executing a SS4A grant agreement with Alameda County. You can expect to hear from a FHWA representative with your State's FHWA Division Office in the near future. In the weeks ahead you will receive more information about next steps, including an invitation to a FHWA-sponsored webinar for grant recipients to describe the process leading to an executed grant agreement. The webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. In the meantime, if you have questions about next steps, please direct them to FHWA using the email SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov.

Finally, we ask for your patience as we work diligently toward executing grant agreements so your important safety work may begin. FHWA staff will be working with hundreds of new grant recipients to expeditiously process new grant agreements, and this will take time.

It's exciting to see so many communities on the path to improving roadway safety, and the whole SS4A Program team is passionate about helping you succeed. Thank you for your commitment to roadway safety.

Paul



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Grantor, Safe Streets and Roads for All

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Summary of Award Information:

Project Name: City of Riverside Neighborhood Safety Investment Project

Applicant: Riverside

Unique Entity Identifier: JYMYKJ3MN56

Grant Type: Implementation

SS4A Grant Funding Amount: \$7,448,000

- **Funding for implementing projects and strategies:** \$6,648,000
- **Supplemental planning and demonstration activity funding:** \$800,000

Estimated Total Project Costs: \$9,310,000

Project Description: The City of Riverside is awarded \$7.4 million in funding to implement safety improvements at 4 of the 6 intersections on its high-injury network. Crash data analysis highlights that the city experiences more total traffic fatalities, and more per capita traffic fatalities, than any other city in the county, including pedestrian fatalities. Additionally, 21% of the City's crashes involve motorist violation of pedestrian/bicyclist right-of-way. The project constructs 0.6 miles of new sidewalk to address pedestrian gaps, adds 16.2 miles of new Class I, II, and III bike lanes, and implements intersection improvements such as high-visibility crosswalks and audible pedestrian push buttons at 85 locations. Improvements also include installing speed humps, a traffic circle, and speed feedback signs as traffic calming treatments in four neighborhoods. All projects are entirely within disadvantaged communities.

The project includes supplemental planning for the Riverside SR-91 Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Master Plan, a Citywide Intelligent Transportation Systems Master Plan, and a Citywide Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan.

Preparing to Establish a Grant Agreement

The terms of the grant agreement will be in accordance with the FY 2024 SS4A NOFO and applicable Federal requirements. Below highlights key information to start becoming familiar with as the grant agreement development process begins.

- The **Period of Performance** will begin upon grant agreement execution, and will be a maximum of 5 years.
- **Scope of Activities:** Your award is to implement projects. If your Implementation Grant project encompasses multiple project phases, funds will be obligated separately for each individual phase. Funds awarded for supplemental planning and demonstration activities cannot be shifted to cover project implementation costs.
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- **Pre-Agreement Costs:** No costs incurred before USDOT signs and executes the grant agreement will be reimbursed or counted toward the 20% match or cost-share requirement.
- **Allowable Costs:** To be considered allowable, costs incurred must be reasonable, necessary, and allocable, as described in [2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E – Cost Principles](#).
- **Match and Cost-Sharing:** Grant recipients are required to contribute no less than a 20% non-Federal match. Please review: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/match-and-cost-share-examples>.
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