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# **KDOT Safe Routes to School program accepting grant applications for 2023-2024 school year**

Applications are being accepted for the Kansas Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program for its first year of Planning and Programming (P&P) grants.

Safe Routes to School is a national program that promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement, tools and safety education. Applications for this 2023-2024 grant cycle are due to KDOT by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17.

There are two types of P&P grants. The first is Planning grants, which will help develop SRTS plans to study existing conditions, public outreach and finding potential infrastructure and non-infrastructure solutions. Up to five Planning grants will be awarded.

The second is Kick Start grants, which support initial programs, events or projects to help build the program in the future. Up to 10 Kick Start grants will be awarded, and each grant will be up to \$1,500.

Examples of eligible Kick Start projects could include:

- Creation and reproduction of promotional and educational materials.
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety curricula, materials and trainers.
- Training workshops for school and for community members.
- Data gathering, analysis and evaluation reporting for local projects.
- Additional law enforcement or equipment needed for enforcement activities at schools.
- Supplies for demonstration projects.
- Traffic gardens.

All communities, school districts, organizations and/or individuals can apply. More information on the P&P grant program, the application, webinars, project descriptions or to sign up for a quarterly e-newsletter is at <https://www.kansassrts.org/resources>.

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