

## **Safe Routes to Parks Accelerator**

Thank you for your interest in the Safe Routes to Parks Accelerator. Please fill out the questions below and attach your team's Letter of Interest to this form. Submissions are due by **Monday, October 9, 2023.**

Safe Routes Partnership may schedule a follow-up call with teams to ask clarifying questions and determine how this program may be a good fit for your state.

If you have questions, please email [parks@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:parks@saferoutespartnership.org).

### **Tell us who will participate in your state's Safe Routes to Parks cross-sector team.**

Safe Routes to Parks is a cross-sector initiative, and state teams should have participation from the state's department of transportation, health, and natural resources.

Each participating state agency is expected to have a primary contact for this technical assistance program. For each primary contact, list name, title, organization, phone, email, and a one to three sentence description of their anticipated role in supporting the work over the program period.

In addition, designate a team coordinator of the primary contacts below who will manage team communication, serve as the key point of contact, and facilitate team meetings outside of the technical assistance calls with Safe Routes Partnership.

#### **Primary Contact 1 – State DOT**

- **Full Name**
- **Title**
- **Organization/Agency**
- **Phone Number**
- **Email Address**
- **How will this person support the team with their role or relevant experience? (1-3 sentences)**

#### **Primary Contact 2 -State Department of Health**

- **Full Name**
- **Title**
- **Organization/Agency**
- **Phone Number**
- **Email Address**
- **How will this person support the team with their role or relevant experience? (1-3 sentences)**

#### **Primary Contact 3- State Department of Natural Resources**

- **Full Name**
- **Title**
- **Organization/Agency**
- **Phone Number**
- **Email Address**
- **How will this person support the team with their role or relevant experience? (1-3 sentences)**

**Of the contacts above, who will be the designated coordinator?**

**Are you anticipating any team member transitions or program changes in the coming months? If so, how are you planning to sustain full participation and progress throughout this initiative? Is there anything else you would like us to know about your team's capacity to participate in the Safe Routes to Park Accelerator?**

### **Program Focus Areas and Strategies**

Please indicate which of the following strategies you are interested in pursuing as part of the Safe Routes to Parks Accelerator program.

#### **Focus Area 1**

**Funding:** Make it easier for communities to get grants to support community connectivity and access.

- **Update Existing Grant Program Selection Criteria**
- **Leverage Multiple Funding Streams to Help Applicants Meet Required Match**
- **Make Funding More Accessible**
- **Build a Funding Program**
- **Other**

#### **Focus Area 2**

**Policy and Practice:** Make it easier to install infrastructure that makes walking and biking to everyday destinations more safe and convenient.

- **Pilot Traffic Calming Zones**
- **Review Zoning**
- **Promote Shared Use**
- **Review and Update Design Guidance**
- **Other**

**Each team should submit a 1-2-page Letter of Interest that highlights why your state would like to participate in the Safe Routes to Parks Accelerator. Your letter should address the following questions:**

- What does your team hope to gain by participating in this program?
- Do you have an established cross-agency partnership that can advance Safe Routes to Parks? If so, please describe how you work together. If not, is your state interested in establishing this and is there a staff member who would manage the group?
- Considering the SRTP Accelerator program areas you are interested in, what existing funding program(s) present the best opportunity for state agencies to address walking and biking barriers to parks and other everyday destinations? What challenges do you anticipate?
- Considering the SRTP Accelerator Program areas you are interested in, what policy/practice area(s) present the best opportunity for state agencies to address walking and biking barriers to parks and other everyday destinations? What challenges do you anticipate?
- How has your state demonstrated a commitment to equity? This could be through policy, plans and/or practices.
- How has your agency demonstrated adaptability or innovation through the adoption of new processes or novel approaches?
- Describe any other relevant partnerships or partners you anticipate building relationships with to advance Safe Routes to Parks.

**Please email your letter to [parks@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:parks@saferoutespartnership.org)**

**Indicate who will email your Letter of Interest on behalf of your team.**