



2019 Application for Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities Program

Instructions: [Please review the information](#) about the Safe Routes to Parks grant program, eligibility criteria, expectations, and frequently asked questions on the website as you complete this application. Once begun, the application form cannot be saved and opened again. We encourage you to view a PDF of the application form [here](#), compose your answers in a word processor, and input them here when you are ready to submit.

Applications are due by 11:59 PM PT on December 16th, 2019. If you have any questions during the application process, please contact parks@saferoutespartnership.org.

The Safe Routes Partnership is a national nonprofit that works to advance safe walking and bicycling to and from schools, to improve the health and wellbeing of kids of all races, income levels and abilities, and to foster the creation of healthy communities for everyone.

Please complete all questions on the form. If we have any follow-up questions, we will contact the person listed below.

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Section A: Organization and Contact Information

Organization/Agency Name	Website	
Is your organization tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code? CHECK BOX: YES/NO? Note: <i>Only</i> non-profits that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible for the Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities Program, with the exception of local governments and public agencies in Oregon.		
Mailing Address	City / State / Zip	
Grantee Community (City/State/Location/Jurisdiction)	Name of Project/Initiative (if available)	
Staff Contact Name	Staff Contact Email	Staff Contact Job Title

Our total organization/agency budget is:

- Under \$250,000
- \$250,000-\$500,000
- \$500,000-\$1 million
- Over \$1 million

Support of Local Government

Commitment from local agencies (e.g., parks, planning, and transportation decisionmakers) to work together toward improving safe, equitable park access will be necessary in this work. Please identify your relationship with local officials and public agencies with jurisdiction over the focus of your project and describe their support for the project. A letter of support from your local parks and recreation or transportation agency or city manager/mayor is required. To submit the letter of support, please email it as an attachment to:

parks@saferoutespartnership.org

School/Park Co-location

We are interested in whether any of the parks in your system are located next to or near a school, but are not awarding points based upon the responses.

Are any of the parks in your system co-located with a school? **Checkbox: yes/no**

Section B: Safe Routes to Parks Framework and Needs

We are looking for grantees with a range of degrees of familiarity with the Safe Routes to Parks concept and framework. The [Safe Routes to Parks Action Framework](#) is intended to provide nonprofits and local and tribal governments with practice-based guidance on strategies that promote equitable and safe access to and within local parks that are backed by research and supported by national organizations. The framework is intended to be used as a guide that will engage leaders and community members in an ongoing process to ensure that community policies and practices support safe and equitable access to parks.

1. Please select your familiarity with the [Safe Routes to Parks framework](#) and concept

- Been working with the framework or a similar process and have begun to implement
- Familiar with framework but have not begun to implement it
- New to the framework and the planning process

Section C: Project Questions

Please answer the following questions, providing as much detail as possible within the word limits.

All completed applications will be reviewed for how well your application shows: (1) a clear vision for the health and other benefits that Safe Routes to Parks will bring your community; (2) that your project will engage, benefit, and address the needs of a population experiencing physical activity or safety disparities, such as low income community members, communities of color, refugee populations, people with disabilities, older adults, and so on; and (3) that you have a demonstrated readiness to effectively carry out your project.

Clear Vision for Safe Routes to Parks in Your Community

1. Please state the overall goal or goals of your Safe Routes to Parks project. What change do you want to see? What aspects of your park system and your community's access to parks have motivated you to implement Safe Routes to Parks? Please provide sufficient background about your parks and access to parks to allow an understanding of the concerns and potential benefits. If your project is already underway, what have you done already to achieve your goals? (250-word maximum)

How Project Will Engage & Address Needs of Community Experiencing Disparities

2. Please describe your community. Is it rural, suburban, or urban? What is the racial and income breakdown in your community? What percent of the community is children and older adults? What is unique, important, or challenging about your community? What is the historical context surrounding social and structural injustices related to access to parks? (250-word maximum)
3. How will you engage community members in your project? Do you have plans or current initiatives that engage low income community members, communities of color, refugee populations, people with disabilities, and/or older adults? (200-word maximum)

Demonstrated Readiness

4. Do you have a coalition or team that is currently working in support of any aspects of Safe Routes to Parks? How will your coalition members enable you to achieve your Safe Routes to Parks goals? What is your vision for how you would like to develop a coalition or strengthen your existing coalition, and what would that let you achieve? (200-word maximum)
5. How does working to advance safe, equitable park access in your community fit into your current organization's mission and goals? How do you envision this work continuing after the grant period? Who on your staff will lead this work? Note: Due to the short grant period, we have found it to be helpful for the project to be consistently staffed by the same person. (200-word maximum)
6. Please state possible barriers that might prevent your project from being successful and how these could be overcome. (200-word maximum)

Conclusion

7. Please provide any additional information you feel would be helpful for our team to gain an understanding of your Safe Routes to Parks project and how it would benefit your community. Please send any supporting documents to parks@saferoutespartnership.org.

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Confirming understanding of program expectations

(Check to confirm understanding)

- ☐ This is a technical assistance award and grant program. If accepted to the program, grantees will meet monthly by phone with a coach from the Safe Routes Partnership to work through the Safe Routes to Parks action framework. Additional peer learning opportunities will be available as well.
- ☐ Grantees will receive \$12,500 to begin implementing the action plan.
- ☐ Grantees will develop an action plan that follows the stages of the Safe Routes to Parks action framework. This is a grant deliverable, but it is intended for use and benefit of grantee organization.

- ▣ Grantees can focus their work on one park, but will be encouraged to think about how to apply Safe Routes to Parks to parks system-wide.