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LCEO selected for first round of historic \$800 million federal SS4A Grant program

The Lucas County Engineer's Office is pleased to announce it has been selected, in partnership with Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky counties, as one of 510 recipients nationwide for a \$400,000 grant as part of the new federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Program (SS4A).

"We are very excited to receive a SS4A grant to prepare a Transportation Safety Action plan," Lucas County Engineer Mike Pniewski said, "which will identify measures and locations to make our transportation system safer for northwest Ohio."

[On Wednesday, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \\$800 million in funding for safety improvement projects across the United States.](#) The competitive grant program, established by President Biden's historic bipartisan infrastructure bill, provides \$5 billion over five years for regional and local authorities to invest in safety improvement projects and planning that will prevent deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways.

"I am elated to see our local communities come together to secure vital planning dollars as a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur (OH-09). "This award will allow Northwest Ohio to design comprehensive strategies to eliminate traffic fatalities, and deliver actionable proposals for larger implementation grants through the Department of Transportation."

The grant program is based on a data-centric approach to identifying problem areas and coming up with solutions based in strategic analysis of the issues as well as outreach and feedback from communities.

"This program provides a unique collaboration with Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky counties coming together to make our roads safer for everyone," Pniewski added. "It doesn't matter if you live in a rural or urban area, or if you use roads in these counties to walk, bike or drive, this plan will look at our system and develop new ways to improve safety."

The program's funding has been divided into two types of grants: Action Plan grants and Implementation grants. The former looks at developing a comprehensive Action plan and conducting planning, design and development in support of an Action plan. The latter focuses on constructing and carrying out projects identified and designed in an Action plan.

Our office will use this grant to develop an Action plan in 2023, which will identify areas and projects for safety improvement. It can then be used to apply next year for an implementation grant for those projects that are identified in the Action plan.



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Lead Applicant	Project Title	Type of Plan	Urban/ Rural	Funding Award
City of Cincinnati	The Transportation Action Plan (TAP) Cincinnati (TAP-C)	Action Plan	Urban	\$250,000.00
City of Circleville	City of Circleville, OH Action Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$200,000.00
City of Cleveland Heights	City of Cleveland Heights SS4A Comprehensive & Equitable Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$200,000.00
City of Dayton	SS4A Action Plan Grant for the City of Dayton Ohio	Action Plan	Urban	\$160,000.00
City of Riverside	Woodman Corridor Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$700,000.00
City of Sandusky	Sandusky's Safe Streets Action Plan: Improving Transportation Safety for All Modes	Action Plan	Rural	\$200,000.00
Eastgate Regional Council of Governments	Eastgate Regional Council of Governments Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$259,200.00
Lorain County General Health District	Lorain County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$160,000.00
Lucas County	SS4A Action Plan Grant to Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties and Incorporated Municipalities in Ohio State	Action Plan	Rural	\$400,000.00
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission	Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$200,000.00