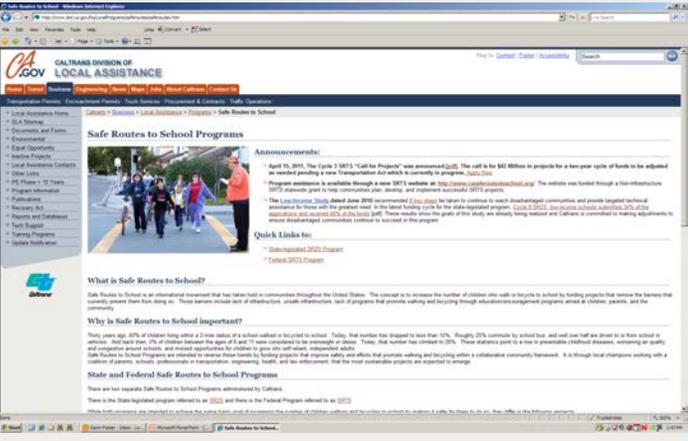


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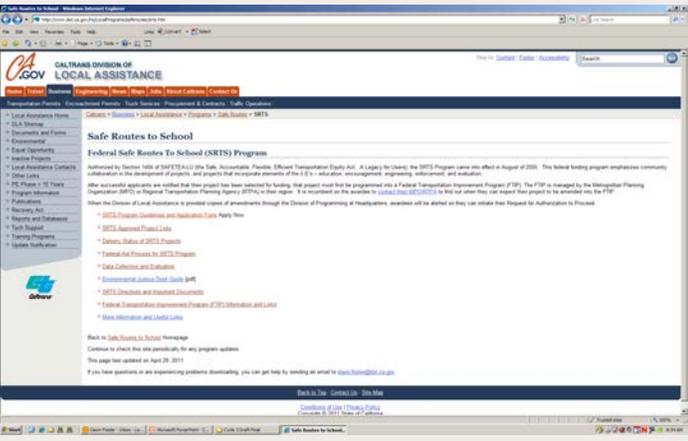
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The screenshot shows the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance website. The main heading is "Safe Routes to School Programs". Below this, there is a section titled "Assessments:" with a date of April 15, 2011, and a link to a document titled "April 15, 2011, The Cycle 3 SRTS 'Call for Projects' was announced [PDF]". There is also a "Quick Links to:" section with links to "State-approved SRTS Programs" and "Federal SRTS Program". A "What is Safe Routes to School?" section follows, explaining the program's goal to increase the number of children walking or bicycling to school. Below that is a "Why is Safe Routes to School important?" section, which states that 48% of children live within a 2-mile radius of a school and that 17% of children are overweight or obese. The "State and Federal Safe Routes to School Programs" section mentions that there are two separate SRTS programs: one administered by Caltrans and another by the Federal Highway Administration.

Caltrans SRTS Website

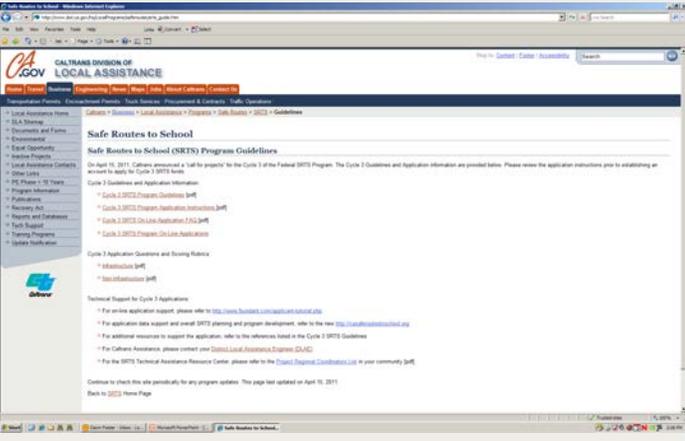
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Caltrans SRTS Website

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts_guide.htm



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Caltrans SRTS website. The page title is 'Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Guidelines'. The main content area contains the following text: 'On April 10, 2011, Caltrans announced a call for proposals for the Cycle 3 of the Federal SRTS Program. The Cycle 3 Guidelines and Application information are provided below. Please review the application instructions prior to establishing an account to apply for Cycle 3 SRTS funds.' Below this text are several links: 'Cycle 3 Guidelines and Application Information', 'Cycle 3 SRTS Program Guidelines (PDF)', 'Cycle 3 SRTS Program Application Instructions (PDF)', 'Cycle 3 SRTS On-Line Application (TAG) (PDF)', and 'Cycle 3 SRTS On-Line Applications'. There is also a section for 'Cycle 3 Application Questions and Funding Matters' with links for 'FAQs (PDF)' and 'Site Information (PDF)'. A 'Technical Support for Cycle 3 Applications' section provides contact information for application support, including a website link, an email address, and a phone number. The page footer includes a 'Back to SRTS Home Page' link and a date: 'This page last updated on April 10, 2011'.

Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Program Applicant Eligibility

- Any state, city, county, or regional transportation agency
- Federally-recognized Native American Tribes
- School districts, non-profit organizations, public health agencies and police depts if they partner with transportation agencies familiar with federal aid funding



The logo for the Safe Routes to School program, featuring a stylized figure of a person walking with a bicycle and a child on a bicycle, with the text 'Safe Routes to School' below it.

Federal SRTS Program
Highlights of Cycle 3 Guidelines

- 100% federal funds – no matching funds required
- Reimbursement basis
- 10% to 30% of funds set aside for Non-infrastructure projects



Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Program
Highlights of Cycle 3 Guidelines

- Projects are defined as either infrastructure or non-infrastructure.
- There is a separate application for each type of project.



Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Program Highlights of Cycle 3 Guidelines

- All signatures indicate an agreement in principle and a partnership on the project and demonstrates strong community support
- Non-infrastructure and infrastructure project applications involving project sponsors must be signed by City/County/MPO/RTPA documenting that they will serve as the responsible agency



Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Program Highlights of Cycle 3 Guidelines

- Infrastructure Projects:
 - A signature from a City/County Public Works Director or City Engineer certifies that the facility will be operated and maintained after construction
 - Projects that are proposed on State right of way require a Caltrans District Traffic Engineer signature or letter of support submitted with the application



Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Program Highlights of Cycle 3 Guidelines

- Incidental costs in an infrastructure project are eligible for reimbursement up to a total of 10% of the total construction cost
 - Costs for non-infrastructure work related to education, enforcement or encouragement activities.
 - Construction improvements on public school grounds consistent with the scope of the project.
 - Landscape items or other context sensitive solutions that complement and support the goals of the program.



Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Program Highlights of Cycle 3 Guidelines

- Traffic Control Devices in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- Part 7 of the Ca MUTCD addresses traffic controls for school areas
- Minimum traffic “warrants” to be submitted with application for traffic signal and flashing beacons at school crossings



Caltrans MUTCD Website

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/mutcdsupp/ca_mutcd2010.htm



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Caltrans MUTCD website. The page title is "California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Branch". The main content area features a green banner with the text: "The California MUTCD 2011 Draft which incorporates FHWA's MUTCD 2009 Edition dated December 16, 2009 is now available and open to the public for review and comment." Below this, there is a section titled "Please be aware that FHWA has released the same 2009 MUTCD but it is not effective in California until California and CTCSP issues it and incorporates the changes into California MUTCD through their efforts. California has until January 15, 2012 to incorporate this draft although it is anticipated that it will be incorporated much sooner." The page also includes a sidebar with a navigation menu and a "RELATED LINKS" section. At the bottom right of the page, there is a "Safe Routes to School" logo.

Federal SRTS Program Project Eligibility

- Infrastructure (construction/capital improvement) projects
 - Must be within a 2-mile radius of K-8 schools
 - Maximum \$1M SRTS funds per project
- Non-infrastructure projects (education, encouragement, enforcement)
 - Maximum \$500,000 SRTS funds per project



Federal SRTS Program Project Eligibility

- Evaluation is required for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects.
 - Student Tallies and Parent Surveys to be submitted to the National Center for SRTS at:
<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/data-central/data-collection-forms>



Cycle 3 SRTS Program Typical Infrastructure Projects

- Install new traffic or pedestrian signals
- Install pedestrian countdown signal heads
- Install curb, gutter, sidewalks and curb ramps
- Install flashing beacons, school zone warning signs
- Improve crosswalks – signs, pavement markings, raised crosswalks, bulb outs
- Install radar speed-feedback signs
- Construct bike paths and bike lanes



Federal SRTS Program

Typical Non-Infrastructure Projects

- Conduct walk-ability/bike-ability study
- Conduct bicycle safety training
- Implement Walking School Bus Program or Bicycle Train Programs
- Conduct outreach and education to students, parents, teachers
- Cost of traffic enforcement or equipment needed for enforcement activities.



Federal SRTS Program

Ineligible Project Items

- Projects that do not specifically serve the stated purpose of the SRTS Program are not permitted, nor should they be used for recurring costs, except as specifically provided in the legislation
- Projects that are primarily intended to make pick-up and drop-off more convenient for drivers rather than to improve student safety and/or walking and bicycling access are ineligible



Cycle 3 SRTS Program Ineligible Items

- Funds spent on educational programs that are primarily focused on bus safety and/or improvements to bus stops
- Engineering elements in a non-infrastructure project
- School(s) identified to be closed and on a school closure list



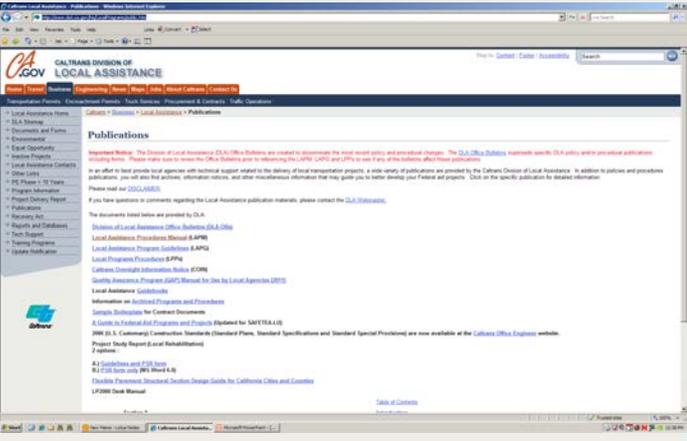
Federal Requirements

- Agencies must comply with the provision of Title 23 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations and with the processes and procedures contained in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) and the Master Agreement with Caltrans



Access the Caltrans LAPM:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/public.htm>



Key Provisions in LAPM

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance and documentation is required on all projects. Refer to the LAPM, Chapter 6, “Environmental Procedures,”
- SRTS projects also require a right of way certification. This is a certification for property acquisition. SRTS projects that require right of way acquisitions are discouraged



Key Provisions in LAPM

- All bicycle facilities and sidewalks shall be designed in accordance with *California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (California MUTCD) and Chapter 11, “Design Standards,” of the LAPM.



Federal SRTS Program Funding History

- Congress approved \$612M for a nationwide SRTS program under SAFETEA-LU
- California received \$68M over the five-year life of SAFETEA-LU
- Completed two ‘call’ for projects (2004/5 to 2010/11 FFYs)
- 219 projects totaling \$91M were selected for funding
 - Infrastructure – 148 projects/ \$ 67M
 - Non-infrastructure – 71 projects/ \$ 24M



Federal SRTS Program

Current Funding

- Congress approved continuing resolution through 9/30/2011
- California receives approx. \$23 M in annual apportionment
- \$42 M capacity in 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- Adjustments may be made in event of new transportation act or change to California apportionment



Cycle 3 SRTS Program

Application and Project Selection Process

- Project solicitation through 'call for projects' process
- Applicants complete applications on-line and also submit hard-copies to Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineers by due date of 7/15/2011



Cycle 3 SRTS Program On-line Application

Key Points for On-line Application

- Review Application Instructions and FAQs posted at:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts_guide.htm
- Username and password required to access on-line application.
- Two separate applications for Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure



Cycle 3 SRTS Program Application and Project Selection Process

- Application questions based on the Project Need, Community Collaboration and Planning, Project Delivery, the 5 Es, and Overall Project Effectiveness including the potential to increase walking and bicycling to school
 - Engineering
 - Encouragement
 - Education
 - Enforcement
 - Evaluation



Cycle 3 SRTS Program
General Application Content

- Application Information
- School/Community Information
- General Information about the Project
- Organizational Background and Capacity
- Planning Information



Cycle 3 SRTS Program
General Application Content

- Application Questions and Rubrics
- Project Cost Estimate
- Project Delivery Schedule
- Application Signatures
- Attachments



Project Selection Process (Continued)

- District selection committee reviews, scores, ranks and selects successful applications
- HQ performs eligibility check and releases program plan (approved project list)
- Applicants will be notified of results by the DLAE



Cycle 3 SRTS Program Application Process Targeted Timeline

- Call for Projects 4/15/2011
- Due Date for Applications 7/15/2011
- Review & Rank Applications 8/15/2011
- Eligibility Ck & Final Review 9/15/2011
- Approved Project List 10/15/2011



Training and Technical Assistance Resources

SRTS Technical Assistance Resource Center (TARC)

- Funded by Statewide SRTS Non-Infrastructure Grant
- 4 Regional Project Coordinators to provide technical assistance to local communities
- Assist Caltrans on Improvement of SRTS Program



Safe Routes to School Technical Assistance Resource Center
California Active Communities, California Department of Public Health

Project Coordinators & Contact Information

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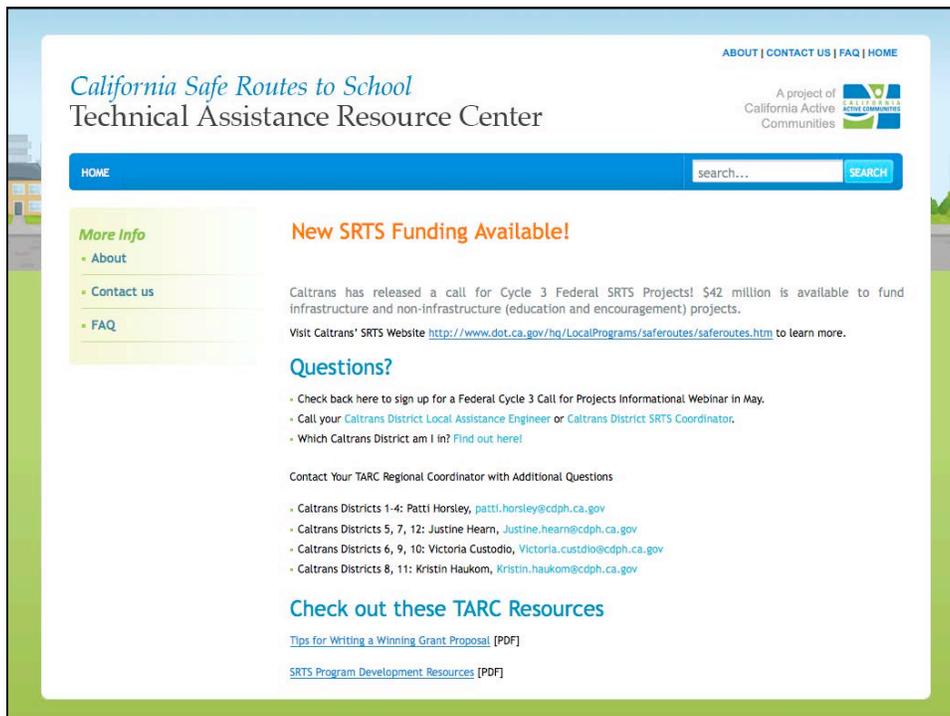







SRTS TARC can help!

- No we can't ... help write or provide direct feedback on your application
- Yes we can ... connect you with data and other resources for project planning
- Technical assistance webinars online
 - SRTS Collision Maps
 - Developing & Using SRTS Plans
- Individualized technical assistance
- Questions, Questions, Questions!
- California resource website



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HOME SEARCH

More Info

- About
- Contact us
- FAQ

New SRTS Funding Available!

Caltrans has released a call for Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Projects! \$42 million is available to fund infrastructure and non-infrastructure (education and encouragement) projects.

Visit Caltrans' SRTS Website <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm> to learn more.

Questions?

- Check back here to sign up for a Federal Cycle 3 Call for Projects Informational Webinar in May.
- Call your [Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer](#) or [Caltrans District SRTS Coordinator](#).
- Which Caltrans District am I in? [Find out here!](#)

Contact Your TARC Regional Coordinator with Additional Questions

- Caltrans Districts 1-4: Patti Horsley, patti.horsley@cdph.ca.gov
- Caltrans Districts 5, 7, 12: Justine Hearn, Justine.hearn@cdph.ca.gov
- Caltrans Districts 6, 9, 10: Victoria Custodio, Victoria.custodio@cdph.ca.gov
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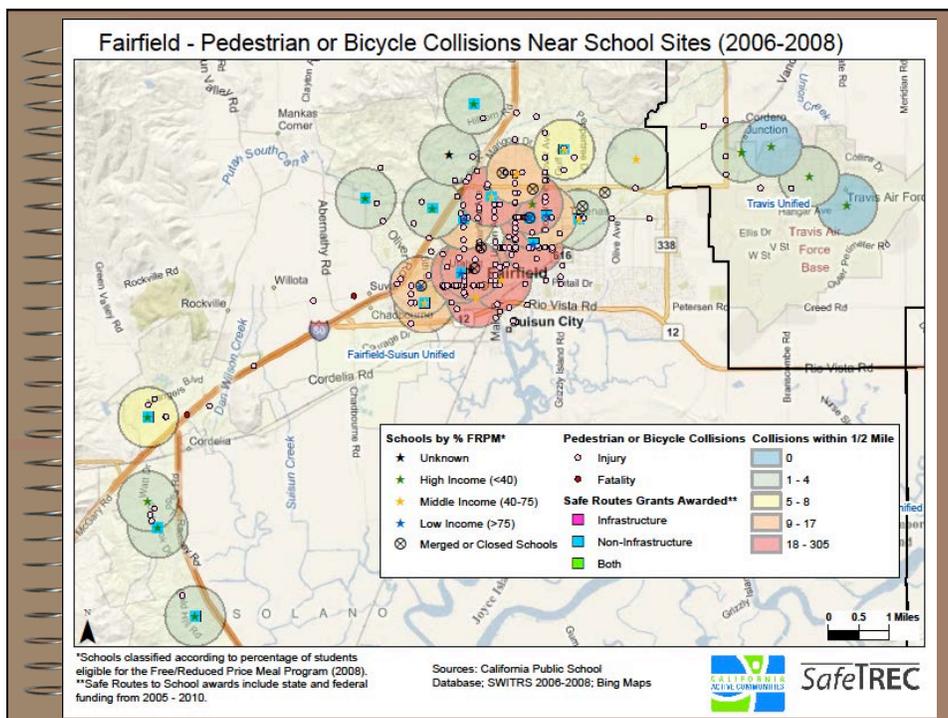
Check out these TARC Resources

[Tips for Writing a Winning Grant Proposal](#) [PDF]

[SRTS Program Development Resources](#) [PDF]

Data Resources

- Student travel tally & parent attitude surveys (National Center for SRTS)
 - <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/data-central>
- SRTS Ped-Bike Collision Maps (CDPH – SafeTREC)
 - <http://tims.berkeley.edu/resources/srts/main.php>
- County-level injury data (CDPH)
 - <http://epicenter.cdp.ca.gov>
- California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)
 - <http://www.chis.ucla.edu>
- Physical Fitness Testing Results (CDE)
 - <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/pftresults.asp>

More Data Resources

- Kidsdata.org
- Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility (CDE)
 - <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sh/cw/filesafdc.asp>
- Speed, traffic volume data – check with your city/county traffic engineer!



Grant Writing Resources

- Preparing to Write a Winning Proposal
 - www.CAsaferoutestoschool.org
 - Click on “New SRTS Funding Available,” then PDF document in “Check out these TARC Resources”
- What is a “Letter of Commitment?”
 - http://kidsplates.org/admin/upload/en/Letter_of_Support_vs_Commitment.pdf



Additional Resources

- National Center for SRTS
<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/training/>
- America Walks
<http://www.americawalks.org/srts/>
- Marin County, SRTS Program
<http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/Programs/Training.htm>
- FHWA Program Guidance for SRTS
<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/guidance/#toc123542196>



Engineering Resources

- Evaluation of Pedestrian Safety Countermeasures, FHWA
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/publicroads/11marapr/03.cfm>
- Designing for Pedestrian Safety Webinars, PBIC
 - http://www.walkinginfo.org/training/pbic/dps_webinars.cfm
- Engineer Bicycle Facilities, PBIC
 - <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/engineering>
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Resources, FHWA
 - http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike



Caltrans Resources

- Go to the SRTS/SR2S website at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>

- Contact District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE)
- Contact District SRTS Coordinator
- Contact Statewide Coordinator, Dawn Foster at dawn.foster@dot.ca.gov



Cycle 3 Federal SRTS Program

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