

Legislation Text

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Accept Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant

Action:

- A. Accept a grant in the amount of \$4,466,688 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for advancing Vision Zero projects,**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation, and**
- C. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$4,466,688 from the U.S. Department of Transportation to the General Capital Projects Fund.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program, which supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways.
- These program goals align with those in Charlotte's Vision Zero strategy, one of the key objectives in the Strategic Mobility Plan adopted by Council in June 2022.
- On Feb. 1, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$800 million in grant awards for 511 communities through the first round of funding for the SS4A grant program. These awards include 474 Action Plan Grants and 37 Implementation Grants.
- The City of Charlotte was awarded one of only 37 Implementation Grants in part due to Council's previous adoption of a Vision Zero Action Plan.
- Grant funds will be used to design and implement projects in the following categories:
 - Pedestrian upgrades at intersections,
 - New pedestrian crossings, and
 - Pedestrian and bicycle improvements near schools.
- Grant requirements include a 20 percent local match of federal funds and prioritization of projects in Underserved Communities Census Tracts.
- The total budget for SS4A projects is \$5,583,360 and includes:
 - \$4,466,688 in federal grant funding, and
 - \$1,116,672 in local funds from the 2022 Transportation Bonds.
- Projects must be completed within five years from the date of award.

Fiscal Note

Funding: General Capital Investment Plan

Attachment(s)

Budget Ordinance