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## Safe Routes to School grant applications available online through Arizona DOT

Grant applications for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Safes Routes to School funding program are now available from the Arizona Department of Transportation. Any elementary or middle school, non-profit organization or local government agency is eligible to apply for funding. Grants are available in the following Safe Routes to School categories:

- Infrastructure Projects – Up to \$300,000 per grant application is available for improvements within a 2-mile radius of an elementary or middle school. Examples of improvements include: sidewalk projects, trails and “traffic calming.”
- Non-infrastructure Programs – Up to \$45,000 per grant application is available for education or encouragement programs such as education campaigns, law enforcement efforts and prize giveaways.

The Safe Routes to School program was created by the U.S. Congress because of this country’s growing epidemic of childhood obesity and diabetes. One of the causes of the epidemic is children’s inability to get physical activity – biking and walking to school – due to the lack of safe and convenient ways to do so. To this end, Safe Routes was created to encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school and to make it safer for them to do so.

For more information and to download the applications visit:

<http://www.azdot.gov/MPD/srts/HowtoApply.asp>

Grants are due Dec. 31; however, grant applications within the greater Tucson region must go through a regional process. If you live in the Tucson region and are interested in applying for a grant, contact Ann Chanecka, PAG Transportation Planner, at [achanecka@pagnet.org](mailto:achanecka@pagnet.org) or 792-1093.

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