

Safety Specific (SR)

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Intent

To fund highway safety improvements based on a data-driven, strategic approach consistent with FHWA guidelines for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), as well as the intent of Commission for the SR Iowa Highway Program category. Projects in the SR program category are typically funded with HSIP federal funding. Funds, exceptions are typically related to ROW, etc. However, to optimize use of federal funding, Program Management Bureau may choose to use HSIP funds for projects in other program categories.

Funding is available to DOT Districts, generally by % formula summarized in the table below.

Annual funding level

Projects in Year 1 of the STIP (e.g. FY 2025 projects for FY 2025-29 TIP) are listed and mapped as specific County/Route projects or specific multi-location 'Statewide' projects (00). Annual District allocations are per formula (table below), developed based on volumes, crash history, etc. Future Year Total (SR) Program funding is shown in the [Highway Program](#) under Statewide (00) Line Items as "Statewide Safety Specific". This is generally increasing \$1 million/year (e.g. from \$33-\$37M for FY2025-29).

District	Split	FY 2026 HSIP Targets	FY 2027 HSIP Targets
1	16%	\$4,640,000	\$5,600,000
2	12%	\$3,480,000	\$4,200,000
3	12%	\$3,480,000	\$4,200,000
4	12%	\$3,480,000	\$4,200,000
5	12%	\$3,480,000	\$4,200,000
6	16%	\$4,640,000	\$5,600,000
Statewide (Traffic & Safety)	20%	\$5,800,000	\$7,000,000
Interstate Pavement Markings	'Off the Top'	\$5,000,000	----
TOTAL		\$34,000,000	\$35,000,000

Deadlines & more information

Each District is responsible for submitting their HSIP/SR candidate projects to the Traffic & Safety Bureau Safety Programs Engineer. Revised Candidate Submission forms will be sent to Districts each Spring and are due to Traffic & Safety Bureau by June 30 (e.g. submit FY 2027 projects by June 30, 2025).

Candidate project eligibility is justified by the [Potential for Crash Reduction Tool](#) (PCR High or Medium, for All Crashes and/or Severe Crashes), District Road Safety Plan, or other Safety Benefit/Cost analysis.

Approval from TAS will be received by July 30. Districts are responsible for SR project development. Projects are typically District designed, but Design Bureau or Consultant design may be appropriate. Project concepts are due November 1 (e.g. complete Fiscal Year 2027 concepts by November 1, 2025).

Current and past projects are shown here: W:\Highway\TrafficAndSafety\Safety\Programs\HSIP\HSIP Project Plans

Chronology of Changes to Manual Section:

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