

CHANGES TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



NORTH CAROLINA'S SAFE ROUTES PROGRAM WILL CHANGE IN MAY 2019

Active Routes to School is North Carolina's Safe Routes to School project, established in 2005, that has made it easier for students to walk and bike to school, educates students on bicycle and pedestrian safety, and encourages healthy lifelong habits.

IN MAY OF 2019, THE ACTIVE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL COME TO A CLOSE. However, the NC Department of Transportation has allocated \$1 million per year for a new program. This new program will be made available on the following time-line (dates are subject to change):

- February 18th - Call for applications
- February 26th - Informational Webinar
- March 29th - Applications Due
- June 5/6 - Applicants notified of award



This new competitive reimbursement program is 80% federally funded – a 20% local match is required. Award recipients **must be able to cover the costs** of the project and will be reimbursed during the course of project implementation for up to 80% of eligible expenditures. Match funding can be from a local government, school, or organization, as state funding is not available for the 20% match. Awards are for **non-infrastructure projects only**, such as programming that centers education, encouragement, enforcement, or evaluation. **Project coordinators will no longer be in place** in each region under the new program, so it is important to establish the needed contacts and resources for applications. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a three-year project timeline to best track the project's success and ensure its sustainability. **The next application period will be in 2022.**

To apply, visit <https://bit.ly/2NdwK71>

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