

Proposed FY26 SS4A Implementation Grant Application



Project: Vision Zero Webb Laredo
Purpose: Proposed FY26 SS4A Grant Cost Sharing
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The Webb County-City of Laredo RMA (RMA) submitted an application requesting \$19,921,576 in federal funding through the FY25 SS4A Grant Program in partnership with City of Laredo and TxDOT, following adoption of the Vision Zero Webb Laredo Comprehensive Safety Action Plan by the RMA, LWCAMPO, and City of Laredo in Spring of 2025. (Plan can be found at visionzerowebblaredo.com)

On December 23, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced \$982,231,998 in awards for the FY25 SS4A program and the **RMA's application** received a rating of “**Highly Recommended**” from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) **though was ultimately not selected** to receive SS4A grant program funding that round. For the FY25 SS4A application period **over 75% of applications submitted were not selected for a funding award.**

Through discussions with FHWA and further research since receiving this news, it has been advised that **previously submitted applications are given additional priority** over new applications, the most **typical grant awards have included between \$8M and \$10M in Federal grant funds requested**, and that the previous application’s **rating of Highly Recommended presents an advantage.** While these factors do not guarantee a grant award, the RMA has reassessed the approach based on the FY26 SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with its GEC, LJA, and identified an **approach to re-apply for FY26 SS4A Implementation Grant Funds.**

Table 1 – FY25 (Previous) SS4A Implementation Grant Request

	SS4A Federal Request	SS4A Local Match	Total Project Cost
WC-CL RMA		\$1,000,000	4%
City of Laredo		\$1,990,147	8%
TxDOT Laredo District		\$1,990,147	8%
Total Budgets	\$19,921,576	\$4,980,394	\$24,901,970

Table 2 – FY26 (Proposed) SS4A Implementation Grant Request (needs further discussion)

	SS4A Federal Request	SS4A Local Match	Total Project Cost
WC-CL RMA		\$500,000	4.1%
City of Laredo		\$546,764	4.5%
TxDOT Laredo District		\$1,400,000	11.4%
Total Budgets	\$9,787,056	\$2,446,764	\$12,233,820

The cost for LJA to prepare the narrative, forms, and letters of support for submitting the FY26 SS4A Implementation Grant application has been quoted at \$20,000.00.

The RMA is proposing the following from City of Laredo:

- Cost sharing through reimbursement to RMA for re-application not to exceed \$10,000.00
- Cost sharing through reimbursement to RMA for SS4A Local Match should the Federal Request be awarded not to exceed \$546,764 between FY28 and FY31



To reduce capital costs from \$24.9M included in the FY25 SS4A application, to \$12.2M proposed for the FY26 SS4A application, **several scope items were removed from the corridor improvements** identified in the Safety Action Plan. These include protected bike lanes, access management, curb extensions, and raised crosswalks. **A key metric FHWA considers during their technical evaluation is crash reduction based on proven safety countermeasures** and while these specific scope items are proven to improve safety, **the types of crashes they reduce have not occurred in these corridors** historically and therefore **offer no reduction**. The strategy for the FY26 application is to focus on improvements that **respond directly to the types of crashes in each respective corridor**, maximizing the benefits compared to federal funding requested.

It should also be noted that projects from the Safety Action Plan recommended for Salinas, San Bernardo, Market, Marcella, and McPherson are not included in this grant application. These were removed to get the federal request to within the typical \$8M to \$10M range, and more specifically because recommended improvements offered the least amount of crash reduction in comparison to the roadways included in **Table 3**, which **offers a breakdown of costs by corridor**. To fully implement the Safety Action Plan recommendations under this approach will require a phased approach for the roadways and improvements not included in the FY26 SS4A Implementation Grant application.

Table 3 – **Proposed Project Breakdown** for FY26 SS4A Application

Project Corridor	Project Cost	District(s)	Precinct(s)
SH 359	\$ 2,291,100	1,3	1,2
Zapata Hwy. (US 83)	\$ 1,028,180	2,3	1
Guadalupe St. (US 83)	\$ 781,110	3	1,2,4
Chihuahua St. (US 83)	\$ 441,200	3	1,4
Lloyd Bentsen Hwy (US 59)	\$ 5,031,600	4,5,8	2,3
Mines Rd. (FM 1472)	\$ 1,977,950	7	4
TxDOT ROW TOTAL	\$11,551,140		
Del Mar Blvd.	\$ 135,070	5,6	2,3
Houston St. (US 83)	\$ 223,710	8	4
Convent Ave.	\$ 35,200	8	4
Matamoros St.	\$ 93,500	8	4
Farragut Rd.	\$ 195,200	8	4
City ROW TOTAL	\$ 682,680		
Total Project Costs	\$12,233,820		
Federal	\$ 9,787,056		
Local	\$ 2,446,764		
WCCL RMA	\$ 500,000		
City	\$ 546,764		
TxDOT	\$ 1,400,000		

End of Memorandum