

Eligible Mini-Grant Programs

Walking School Bus

A Walking School Bus is a program that involves children walking to school along designated routes, with designated meeting points, a timetable, and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers serving as Walking School Bus leaders. The National Center for Safe Routes to School has produced an online audio/video training program that provides strategies and tips for planning a Walking School Bus program. *The Walking School Bus Program: A Primer and First Steps*, is available online at http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/training/walking_school_bus

Bike Train/Bike Brigade

Like a Walking School Bus, a Bike Train or Bike Brigade is a group of students riding their bikes to school along a designated route, led by volunteer Bike Train/Bike Brigade leaders. Typically conducted for middle school or upper elementary students, these programs also incorporate lessons on bicycle safety and maintenance.

Corner Captains

Corner Captain Programs involve parents, teachers, neighbors, or other volunteers who are strategically stationed at designated points along established routes to school to keep an eye on the students as they make their way in groups to school.

Mileage Program

Mileage programs encourage walking or biking by tracking trips or distance students travel by active transportation to and from school (intended only for trips between home and school; not programs that keep the students on the school grounds).

Bike Share Program

A Bike Share program can be started to help students who do not own a bicycle get to and from school. Students can "check out" bikes to ride from school to home and back again. Schools who would like to start a bike share program should think about purchasing bike locks and helmets in addition to the bikes. Please note: any steel based products must be purchased in accordance with the Buy America Act.

Have an idea for a program that's not on this list? We love creativity. Give you SRTS Coordinator a call to talk over your ideas for your proposal. <http://saferoutesmichigan.org/contact/>

EXAMPLE MINI-GRANT BUDGET:

Non-personnel Expenses (e.g. items needed to plan or carry out activities)			
Description	Per Unit Cost	Total Number of Units	Total Amount Requested
A. Training for Crossing Guards	150	1	150
B. Small Incentives	2.00	250	500
C. Medium Incentives	4.00	100	400
D. Printing Costs	0.15	500	75
E. Healthy Refreshments for Meetings	2.5	100	250
F. Walking School Bus Supplies (Vests, Flashlights, and WSB signs)	45	5	225
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Total Non-personnel Amount Requested:			1600

Personnel Expenses (e.g salaries, stipends or other compensation)				
Role Description	Activities	Hourly rate or stipend (not to exceed \$25/hr)	Hours per Activity	Total Amount Requested
A. Coordinator	Coordinates WSB program, educational activities, etc.	10	100	1000
B. Route Leader 1	Leads Route 1	8	75	600
C. Route Leader 2	Leads Route 2	8	75	600
D. Route Leader 3	Leads Route 3	8	75	600
E. Route Leader 4	Leads Route 4	8	75	600
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Total Personnel Amount Requested:				3400
Total Personnel Expenses + Total Non-Personnel Expenses:				\$5,000