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# News Release

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## ***Funding available for creative community-driven traffic safety projects***

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has released a Call for Projects for the Community Streets Mini-Grants Program through its regional active transportation safety and encouragement campaign, *Go Human*.

Southern California has some of the highest levels of injuries and fatalities in the United States among pedestrians and bicyclists. Overall, an average of more than four people die every day in traffic collisions in the six-county SCAG region (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties). People walking or riding bikes account for 27% of those deaths despite comprising only 12% of all trips. SCAG data shows that 70% of all collisions are on local roads.

SCAG launched the *Go Human* program in 2015, in an effort to reduce collisions, improve safety for people walking and biking and raise awareness of the importance of traffic safety. Since 2018, *Go Human* has awarded more than \$250,000 to implement 42 traffic safety projects across the region.

The *Go Human* Mini-Grants Program provides awards up to \$10,000 for community-driven traffic safety projects that support the needs of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities. The program targets organizations that are invested in safety and mobility justice but might not have transportation as their core focus. These would include groups that focus on public health, disability justice, social service, parent groups, tribal nations, elders and rural communities.

The Mini-Grants Program supports aligns with SCAG's commitment to close the gap of racial injustice and meaningfully advance inclusion, diversity, equity and awareness.

Community-based organizations, nonprofits and social enterprises are eligible to apply for a Community Streets Mini-Grant. Funding will be distributed to prioritize equity, particularly within communities that have been historically disinvested or in disadvantaged communities.

"Providing safe options for walking and bicycling is critical to promoting social equity and healthy communities thereby making our increasingly integrated transportation system more efficient. These grants will play a huge role in helping us take our active transportation efforts to the next level," said Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director.

Applications are due Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. PT. For more information, and to apply, visit: [scag.ca.gov/apply-mini-grant](https://scag.ca.gov/apply-mini-grant).

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***About SCAG***

SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and nearly 19 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG's regional efforts, please visit [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov).