

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Application (Non-Infrastructure)

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Safe Kids Grand Forks and the Grand Forks School District have been working extensively with our local Metropolitan Planning Organization on pedestrian safety issues in the Grand Forks community. A letter of support and collaboration from one of our partnering agencies, the MPO is attached. The contact people from the MPO that have been a part of our work include:

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Throughout our planning process, we have collaborated with the MPO to assist with traffic studies, traffic flow patterns, school planning and parental education. We will continue with this relationship in the future.

Funding Information:

Project Type: Non-infrastructure

Project Amount Requested: – **\$\$\$48,146.00** - This section has been primarily prepared by Carma Hanson, Safe Kids Grand Forks Coordinator and Patty Olsen, Safe Kids Pedestrian and Wheeled Sports Coordinator, who have done much of the training and educational coordination and, therefore have extensive experience with the work and planning required. The sections pertaining to the safety items requested has been done by the School Pedestrian Safety Task Force Members and with Jody Thompson, the Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education.

Total Project Costs/Source(s): Additional costs may be necessary for supplies for many of these events. These additional costs will be supplied by the Grand Forks School District and Safe Kids Grand Forks/Altru Health System. Safe Kids Grand Forks is fortunate to have Altru Health System as their lead agency. They are gracious in providing a great deal of in-kind services such as postage, printing, graphic design services, meeting room/training space, food for meetings and audiovisual equipment. The city of Grand Forks has also been instrumental in providing labor costs, planning documents and providing data for our work.

Project Cost Estimate: See amount requested above.

Project Description:

Safe Kids Grand Forks has been involved in many areas of injury prevention activities over the years. Some of them include: water, motor vehicle, pedestrian, wheeled sports, poison, falls, fires, playground and the list goes on. In our efforts, we have worked with parents, children, businesses, government agencies, schools and others involved with children, either directly or indirectly. Much of that work has included pedestrian safety in the Grand Forks schools.

The pedestrian safety program which we have started is multifaceted, collaborative and comprehensive. We are very proud of our pedestrian and wheeled sports injury data on the local level due to past education and interventions in this area. In a review of ER

data done by Safe Kids Grand Forks, we have noted a 42% decrease over the last several years in pedestrian and bike related injuries in our Emergency Outpatient Department at Altru Health System. This comes as a result of a community-wide, collaborative effort related to pedestrian and wheeled sports injuries.

Here are some of the successes we have seen witnessed over the past several years due to the work of our pedestrian safety team in Grand Forks:

- Bringing the right stakeholders to the table to address pedestrian issues (i.e. principals, parents, city engineers, police officers, MPO officials, etc)
- Becoming established as the resource for pedestrian safety concerns at specific schools.
- Changing the pedestrian culture and environment at several schools within Grand Forks to make it safer for children going to and from school.
- Improving our ability to assess and evaluate our work in the community.
- Heightening the awareness of school locations and school hours across the community.
- Collecting “your speed” radar data from schools that have received the portable signs as part of previous SRTS grants.
- Increasing the knowledge base of children and parents as it relates to pedestrian safety behaviors.
- Decreasing traffic speeds in and around school neighborhoods.
- Increasing the visibility and consistency of crosswalks within the community.
- Decreasing the number of pedestrian and bike related incidents in the ER as noted above.

While we have many noted success, we continue to do a careful analysis of the needs for the schools in which we are working. Our goal is to assure that the strategies we implement are effective and have measurable outcomes. We are applying for non-infrastructure funding to assist with the continuation and enhancement of this program in our community based on this ongoing analysis.

While some of the grant request dollars are for pedestrian and wheeled sports safety coordination for education (of students, teachers, parents, crossing guards and the community), other budgeted items are safety supplies necessary to continue our work at the local elementary schools and expand our work to the middle schools.

Through our work, we continue to focus on the E’s of pedestrian safety – Education and Encouragement, Environment and Engineering, Enforcement and Enactment and Evaluation. Below is a review of that current work our SRTS dollars have enabled us to continue and expand on in the City of Grand Forks.

Education and Encouragement:

- **Safe Kids “Walk This Way” Safety Presentations:**
Each fall, Safe Kids Grand Forks offers a program entitled “Getting to School Safely”. We offer site-specific pedestrian safety presentations to all children in elementary school (K-5). The presentations have been customized to each school with photos of their crosswalks, safe places to cross and problem areas to avoid. As part of the presentation students receive educational fliers for their

parents, activity books (2 – 4th grade) and reflective zipper pulls (all K-5 students).

- **Safe Kids Grand Forks “Safety on Wheels”:**
Each fall, Safe Kids Grand Forks and the Optimists Club visit the local elementary schools and offers a program called “Safety on Wheels”. This presentation focuses on wheeled sports. We teach the children about head injuries and how helmets prevent them from occurring. Helmets are distributed to the children and one week following the classroom presentation, the Grand Forks Optimists Club holds a bike rodeo for the children to teach the “rules of the road”. Our SRTS dollars have been used to purchase helmets for low-income students and fund the coordination of this program. Recently, we have seen a spike in the number of children needing helmets as our refugee population has increased dramatically. These families use biking (and walking) as a primary mode of transportation. Our efforts have expanded to not only working with this population in the schools but we also conduct trainings at the New American Orientation Days. During their training, we talk about pedestrian safety and attempt to acclimate them to the new environment that they have entered.

- **Safe Kids Grand Forks “Takin’ It To the Street” Safety Presentation and Ride:**
In the spring of 2008 and 2009, Safe Kids Grand Forks and two elementary schools teamed up for new bike safety program with the fifth grade students. The program was conducted over two days in cooperation with the physical education teachers. The overall goals of this program were to reinforce the importance of helmet use, relay the benefits of biking to school rather than riding in a car, teach safe cycling skills (both on the road and on the trails) and encourage kids to bike to school. We have plans to continue expanding this program and have recently applied for a SRTS mini-grant to further fund our efforts in the area.

- **“Caught In the Crosswalk” Encouragement Campaign:**
As a follow-up to the pedestrian safety presentations each fall, we offer the schools an opportunity to further encourage safe crossing behavior by recognizing children who use crosswalks appropriately. In 2007-2009 we teamed up with a local restaurant (Taco John’s) to provide students with “Caught in the Crosswalk” coupons for an item at the restaurant. In 2010 we will be distributing reflective materials at incentives.

As we expand our pedestrian program to the middle schools, we will be offering incentives to students that 6th – 8th grader that are age appropriate.

- **“Brainy Biking” Encouragement Campaign:**
For the “Brainy Biking” Encouragement Campaign, we offer incentive activities to students who bike to school and use a helmet. Following the Safety on Wheels program, the event is promoted in the participating schools. Again, school personnel and Safe Kids volunteers staff the bike racks at the schools.

We plan to offer an age appropriate encouragement campaign at the middle schools once we begin bike safety presentations in their schools.

- **Partnering with Media:**
Safe Kids Grand Forks has developed a highly productive relationship with various media outlets in Grand Forks. We had developed PSAs with a local television station, focusing on pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and sharing the road. We also have relationships with several radio stations in Grand Forks and are able to be a part of on-air interviews focusing on pedestrian, bike, Halloween and other safety topics. These interviews take place nearly weekly in the Grand Forks listening area and are routinely scheduled at two outlying radio stations that also service some of our coverage area.

Other forms of education that take place through the media include highlighting pedestrian safety issues in the quarterly Safe Kids Grand Forks newsletter and principals discussing safety issues specific to their schools in monthly school newsletters. We have also recently created a Facebook account for Safe Kids Grand Forks to further reach out to the community.

This fall we were able to start a new and unique education program with Lewis & Clark Elementary. This school is situated within 1 – 2 blocks of a major business corridor. Safe Kids Grand Forks and the GF Public Schools developed an educational flier that was distributed by eight fast food establishments at their drive-thru windows. Its purpose was to remind those using local fast food restaurants and drive through venues that an elementary school was in the vicinity and to use caution when getting there. We encouraged drivers to avoid passing by the school and if necessary to use that route, to slow down their speeds and watch for children. Over 10,000 fliers were given to the restaurants and we received direct positive feedback from customers who had received them.

Similarly, the City of Grand Forks was able to provide us with the addresses of all the residents that live within the Lewis & Clark school boundaries. We also developed a resident education flier and mailed this to over 1,000 homes within the school boundaries. The driver and resident education fliers are very similar; we have included a copy of the resident educational flier in addendum #1.

- **“Your Speed” Portable Radar Signs:**
With our SRTS grant dollars, we have recently purchased “your speed” portable radar signs. The radar signs have been placed at six elementary schools and we have five more on order. The principals and custodians have been trained on how to set up the signs and record data. The radar signs are placed in a variety of locations around the school grounds by the custodians to identify trouble spots. In reviewing the data, the radar signs are decreasing the approach speed of oncoming cars. This is discussed in more detail in the Enforcement and Enactment section.

Engineering and Environment:

- **Crossing Guard Program:**

Over the last several years, Safe Kids has provided a CD-ROM training program for crossing guards. We also continue to provide the schools with crossing guard vests and stop paddles. The training of the crossing guards, as well as the attire we supply them with creates a consistent look for crossing guards in our community and also assures that they are safe and visible while helping with their important role.

▪ **Environmental Modifications:**

With Safe Kids Environmental Task Force grants we have been able to improve the traffic flow at several Grand Forks Schools. With SRTS dollars we have been able to provide all schools with safety cones and other signage to highlight crosswalks and “no parking zones”. We have also worked closely with the Buildings and Grounds personnel from the GF School District for on-school property changes and the City of Grand Forks for off-school property changes. Some of the environmental modifications include:

- The addition of “No Parking” zones and signage
- Crosswalk paintings to include the “Stop, Look Left, Right, Left” indicators on the sidewalks prior to the crosswalks.
- The removal of some crosswalks in areas where they were too frequent.
- The painting of traffic flow lanes.
- STOP and/or YIELD signs in school areas.
- Changes to the posted speed limits around school areas.

▪ **Traffic Safety Equipment:**

In addition to providing the schools with crossing guard equipment, we have also been able to provide the schools with safety cones to designate “no parking zones”, highlight crosswalks and bring attention to danger zones with our SRTS grant dollars. This fall we are working on providing the schools with pedestrian crossing signs (please see attached picture of sign in addendum #2). We have worked with our city engineering department, police department and schools to identify proper locations for these signs which fall with MUTCD code. We will be using SRTS grant dollars to purchase these signs in an effort to raise awareness as to where pedestrian crosswalks are and the right of way that pedestrians are entitled to.

▪ **Crosswalks, signals, school zones signage:**

We have also worked with the city engineering and streets departments to secure crosswalk paintings, provide “no parking zones”, install additional signals and signs as needed and increase consistency in school zones markings.

Enforcement and Enactment:

▪ **Law Enforcement Training:**

Recently (Fall 2009), Safe Kids Grand Forks has been provided an opportunity to conduct two-hour training sessions with all Grand Forks Police Department patrol officers. We cover two topics: Child Passenger Safety and Pedestrian Safety. In the pedestrian safety training section we focus on the work Safe Kids, the city

of Grand Forks and the Grand Forks Public Schools has done to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in school zones. The last part of the training focuses on how the patrol officers can help with enforcement efforts around school zones. We review the city codes as it relates to pedestrian and bicycle laws. We are encouraging the officers to increase their presence at the schools at arrival and dismissal times.

As part of this training, we are currently producing pocket-sized, laminated cards which have a map showing the location of the schools on one side and the addresses and school hours on the other side. An example is attached in addendum # 3. Each officer will be provided with a copy of this reference guide to use as a resource for their enforcement efforts.

- **Speed Radar Data:**

Safe Kids Grand Forks and the public schools now have three types of speed radar devices in the community. The police department continues to place their speed trailer around Grand Forks. We review that data on a yearly basis to identify areas of concern around schools. In addition we were able to place permanent speed radar signs near Lewis & Clark Elementary with a Safe Kids Environmental Task Force Grant. These signs were placed just east and west of the school on a cross street. We are able to download data and review it as necessary.

As stated earlier, we have also purchased and placed portable “your speed” radar signs at six schools with SRTS dollars. With the purchase of the Speedminders, we are now able to collect valuable data on approach speeds and actual school zone speeds. This data is downloaded from the equipment and will be analyzed to determine where additional enforcement efforts are needed in the community. This will assist law enforcement officers with pinpointing locations and time of day that additional patrol duty is necessary.

Included in addendum # 4 is data from two of those schools. What we can conclude is that the presence of the signs is helping to slow vehicles down as they approach the school. Thus, they have been a great addition to our enforcement efforts.

- **Bike Helmet Ordinance:**

In response to a bike crash that occurred in the fall of 2008, our mayor, Dr. Michael Brown, contacted Safe Kids Grand Forks. After reviewing with him the extent of education and encouragement activities that are done in Grand Forks, he agreed that the next step is a bicycle helmet ordinance for children 14 and under. Currently, the city of Grand Forks is writing the legislation for such an ordinance. If passed, it will be the first of its kind in the state of North Dakota.

Evaluation:

The Grand Forks Public Schools and Safe Kids are continually evaluating the effectiveness of our work. Some of the tools we use are discussed below:

- **SRTS Parent Survey and Classroom Tallies:**

This fall, Safe Kids and the public school distributed over 2,900 SRTS parent surveys to children in Grades K-5. We are in the process of preparing these

surveys to be sent to the National Safe Routes to School office for tabulation. In addition, we distributed 154 SRTS classroom tally sheets. We are anxious to review the data from these two sources.

- **Crosswalk and Stop Sign Compliance Checks:**
At least once a year we visit a public school and observe stopping behavior at school crosswalks and stop signs. We use the data collected to educate school personnel, parents and drivers. Where appropriate we have used the data to make environmental changes. We have also shared this data with patrol officers in our law enforcement training.
- **Review of Pedestrian and Bike Related Incidents:**
Safe Kids, Grand Forks Public Schools and the GF Police Department continue to review pedestrian and bike related incidents in our community. In addition, Safe Kids and the public schools are working on developing a “near-miss” form. An example of the form is attached in addendum # 5. The purpose of the form is for parents, school staff and community members to inform schools when they observe pedestrian and/or bicycle near crashes. We are exploring ways to make this form accessible through either school or district websites.

Collaboration with Safe Kids Worldwide and FedEx:

Safe Kids Grand Forks is a part of Safe Kids Worldwide (SKW), an international partner in childhood injury prevention. Through our affiliation with SKW, we have access to other resources that have been beneficial in our work in the past. FedEx is one of our national sponsors for pedestrian safety work and Safe Kids Grand Forks has received grant funding from them five out of the last six years. This competitive process of grant applications was open to the nearly 600 coalitions in the United States. Safe Kids Grand Forks was proud to be one of 10 coalitions that received the grant (in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008, 2009). Our work as a School Pedestrian Safety Task Force has been recognized on a national level and our work has twice been presented at the annual Safe Kids Conference in Washington D.C. Currently, we are the only coalition within our multi-state region to participate and receive this assistance.

Project Description Summary:

Based on the program work that we have been doing and the assessments that have been made, we are proposing the following components in this non-infrastructure grant. The coordination piece of this work within the community and school system is being done by Safe Kids Grand Forks. Our Coalition has a 24 hour per week Coordinator that has many areas of focus. With SRTS grant monies received to date, we were able to contract for a Pedestrian and Wheeled Sports Coordinator to carry on our work. Patty Olsen, the Pedestrian and Wheeled Sports Coordinator, has worked over 400 hours in 2009 on SRTS grant work and the efforts outlined in previous grants.

In addition to continuing the work that has been discussed, Safe Kids and the Grand Forks Public Schools are seeking to expand and enhance the program in the following ways:

- **Increased Collaboration with PEP Grant Program**
The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) awarded grant funds to the Grand Forks Public Schools to increase the lifelong physical fitness of school

children. The PEP program is multi-faceted in its scope. One of the goals of the PEP program is to increase the number of children walking, biking, rollerblading, etc. to school. We have already partnered with the PEP program on our “Takin It To the Streets” program. In addition to continuing to partner on that program, we would also like to partner with PEP on developing incentive programs for walking and/or biking to school. One idea we are pursuing is creating intra-school challenges for walking/biking to school.

▪ **Walking School Buses:**

In a preliminary review of parent surveys, the lack of adult supervision of children was cited as a significant barrier to children walking to some schools. We would like to work with individual schools, PTOs and neighborhoods to identify appropriate volunteers to create walking school buses throughout the city.

▪ **Expansion of SRTS to Middle Schools:**

Grand Forks has three middle schools (6th – 8th grade) with a total student body of over 1,400 students. Many safety issues and concerns have been reported and observed at all three schools for several years. We would like to expand the scope of our work to include these schools in our programming. While we have done some work in the area of environmental modifications, very little has been done with the education of middle school students and parents or in the area of encouragement activities.

▪ **Further Driver Education Campaigns:**

Through the SRTS surveys and anecdotal reports, we have been reminded that the speed of vehicles in and around school property is of major concern to parents and school staff. We would like to initiate a new driver awareness program called “Go Slow So We Can Grow”. This would involve developing banners to be posted on and around school property to encourage safer driving behavior.

Additionally, Safe Kids Worldwide has recently released a study on distracted drivers in school zones. The study gave alarming statistics:

- One in six drivers is distracted in school zones.

When using a cell phone drivers are:

- 4 times more likely to crash than drivers not using a phone
- 6 times more likely to crash when dialing a phone
- 23 times more likely to crash when texting on a cell phone

This is comparable to drivers with blood-alcohol content of 0.08, the legal definition for drunken driving. Given this data, we are concerned with the use of cell phones by drivers in school zones. We plan on developing banners to be posted on and around school property encouraging drivers to not use cell phones while in school zones.

Detailed Project Funding Request:

Project Funding Request	Summary/Comments	Total Requested
<p>1. Pedestrian and Wheeled Sports Coordination</p>	<p><u>For Safety on Wheels and Takin' to the Streets:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating training materials - Securing volunteers - Ordering supplies (helmets, reflective devices, etc.) - Distributing materials to the schools. - Coordinating school presentation schedule - Training "Helmet Helper" volunteers - Conducting presentations at each school. - Follow-up assessments at each site. <p>Additional activities to expand bike safety to middle school students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with middle school educators to develop wheeled sports safety presentations appropriate for 6th – 8th grade students. <p><u>For "Brainy Biking" encouragement activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination/volunteer preparation. <p>This event will be done each spring after the bike safety presentations in each of the schools. Children will be encouraged to ride bike to school and will be provided with an incentive item when "caught" riding with a helmet and using the crosswalks appropriately.</p> <p><u>For "Getting to School Safely" Pedestrian Safety Presentations – Event Coordination</u></p> <p>Includes the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct surveys at each school using SRTS data collection resources within first four weeks of school. - Updating training materials - Securing volunteers - Ordering supplies (educational books, reflective devices, etc.) - Distributing materials to the schools. - Coordinating school presentation schedule. - Conducting presentations at each school. - Follow-up assessments. <p>Additional activities to expand the program to the middle schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with middle school educators to develop pedestrian safety presentations appropriate for 6th – 8th grade students. <p><u>For Caught in the Crosswalks</u></p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating flyers for each event and school site. - Coordinating with site volunteers - Scheduling events <p>This event will be done each fall after the back-to-school pedestrian safety presentations in each of the schools. Children will be encouraged to walk to school and will be provided incentive items when "caught" walking and using the crosswalks appropriately.</p> <p><u>Other "Getting to School Safely"/Incentive activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and coordinate a bike/walk incentive program with PEP grant staff 	<p>1100 hours total x \$18.00 = \$19,800</p>

	<p><u>For Crossing Guard Training:</u> Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating teaching materials - Scheduling time with schools for crossing guard training - Conducting the training of crossing guards - Conducting site assessments for pedestrian flow. <p><u>For recruitment of crossing guards:</u> Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing school-specific recruitment tools for each school. - Attending PTO meetings at schools - Working with principals to explore potential crossing guard options - Working with community volunteer groups to recruit potential crossing. - Working with University of North Dakota service organizations to recruit potential crossing guards. <p><u>For development of driver education signage/campaign:</u> Includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and distribution of "Drive Slow So Kids Can Grow" signage. - Development and distribution of "Distracted Driver" signage. - Coordination of a community wide message and campaign to raise awareness on the topic of distracted driving. 	
<p>2. Training supplies for Safety on Wheels Presentations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike Safety Training booklets for 3rd graders - Bike/Multi-sport Helmets (for low income children and refugee children) - SOW presentation DVDs - Sample helmets (2) (brain style) - Brain display poster - Helmet storage bins (for distribution at sites) 	<p>600@ \$0.85 each = \$510</p> <p>200 @ \$9.95 each = \$1990</p> <p>2 @ \$30.00 = \$60</p> <p>2 @ \$13.95 each = \$27.50</p> <p>1 @ \$30</p> <p>7 @ \$18.00 = \$126</p> <p>Total \$ 2743.50</p>
<p>3. "Brainy Biking" Encouragement Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incentive items for elementary school students - Incentive items for middle school students We will need to change incentive items for middle school students to make them more age appropriate. 	<p>Biking incentive items: (brain erasers 600 x .29 = \$174.00</p> <p>Pencils: 600 x \$0.10 = \$60</p> <p>Gift cards: 50 students x 3 schools x \$5.00= \$750.00</p> <p>Total = \$984</p>

<p>4. Training supplies for School Safety presentations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training supplies for elementary school students - Training supplies for middle school students - Reflective devices 	<p>Handouts, safety books for 3200 elementary school children - \$3000</p> <p>Handouts, safety books for 1500 middle school children - \$2000</p> <p>3500 @ \$0.85 = \$2975</p> <p>Total = \$7975</p>
<p>5. Back-to-School Open House Orientation & Community Events (x3)</p>	<p>Includes the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create visual display boards with walking/biking promotion materials, traffic flow patterns to facilitate walkers and pedestrian safety tips. - Visiting at PTO meetings. - Coordinating with school volunteers to conduct event - Updating school newsletter information. - Assisting at Back-To-School Open Houses as needed <p>- The community events will be a partnership with the local grocery stores (Hugos x 4 locations) and Safe Kids Grand Forks. In the fall of 2009 this partnership featured setting up display boards at the four stores focusing on getting to school safely. The display boards were periodically staffed by Safe Kids volunteers. Educational materials were available for over a week and children had the opportunity to register for back packs and school</p>	<p>Display boards \$20 each x 11 schools = \$220</p> <p>Backpack incentive items (for turning in the crosswalk scavenger hunt forms) 11 schools x 2 backpacks each = 22 backpacks x \$20 each = \$440</p> <p>Community Events - 4 Pedestrian Safety Displays & Walking Promo Events</p> <p>Backpacks = \$20 x 6 backpacks x 4 stores = \$480</p> <p>Pencils = \$100</p> <p>Reflective item \$300</p> <p>Sub Total for community event - \$880</p> <p>Total: \$1540</p>
<p>6. Caught in the Crosswalks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incentive items for elementary school students - Incentive items for middle school students 	<p>Supplies (LED flashing reflectors – 600 x \$1.24 = \$744, Glow bracelets – 1200 x .18 = \$216)</p> <p>100 students x 3 schools x \$5.00 = \$1500</p> <p>Total: \$2460</p>
<p>7. School Pedestrian Safety Items</p>	<p>The schools that we have been partnering with have determined the need for the following items to assist with pedestrian safety and flow. All of the schools have been provided with cones, crossing guard vests and stop paddles. As time goes on some supplies are damaged or lost and need to be replaced.</p> <p>We have been able to provide all 11 elementary schools with portable "your speed" radar signs with past SRTS dollars. We would like to provide such signs at to of the three middle schools. Since we originally obtained price quotes on these signs, the prices have risen substantially.</p> <p>We will be developing educational banners to be placed on school property focusing on decreasing speed and use of cell phones in school zones.</p>	<p>Crossing guard vests: 11 schools x 6 vests x \$34 = \$2244</p> <p>2 portable signs x \$3,200 = \$6,400</p> <p>14 schools x 3 banners = \$2,000</p> <p>Total: \$10,644</p>

8. Pedestrian & Bike Coordinator Training	Attending bi-annual SRTS conference in 2011	Airfare - \$500 Conference fee - \$350 Hotels – 5 nights x \$200 = \$1000 Meals – 5 x \$30 - \$150 Total = \$2000
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The budget summary is as follows:

Budget Summary Request:	
1. Pedestrian and Wheeled Sports Coordination	\$19,800
2. Training supplies for Safety on Wheels Presentations	\$2743
3. "Brainy Biking" Encouragement Activities	\$984
4. Training supplies for School Safety presentations.	\$7975
5. Back-to-School Open House Orientation & Community Events (x4)	\$1540
6. Caught in the Crosswalks	\$2460
7 School Pedestrian Safety Items	\$10,644
8 Pedestrian & Bike Coordinator Training	\$2,000
Total	\$48,146.00

Schools Involved or Affected:

School	# of Enrolled Students	# Living within 2 miles of the school	Current # that Walk or Bike	# of students expected to benefit (non-walkers)
J. Nelson Kelly Elementary 3000 Cherry Street	472	472	120	All
Century Elementary 3351 – 17 th Avenue South	502	502	120	All
Ben Franklin Elementary 1016 – South 20 th Street	345	345	80	All
Viking Elementary 809 – 22 nd Avenue South	296	296	75	All
Lake Agassiz Elementary 605 Stanford Road	401	401	75	All
Wilder Elementary 1009 North 3 rd Street	85	85	40	All
Phoenix Elementary 351 – 4 th Avenue South	228	228	55	All
Winship Elementary 1412 – 5 th Avenue North	153	153	35	All
West Elementary 615 North 25 th Street	208	208	70	All
Lewis and Clark Elementary 1100 – 13 th Avenue South	176	176	45	All
Carl Ben Eielson Elementary 1238 Louisiana Street	211	211	70	All
Elroy Schroeder Middle School 800 32nd Avenue South	457	457	80	All
South Middle School 1999 47th Avenue South	564	564	50	All
Valley Middle School 2100 5th Avenue North	399	399	80	All
Total Numbers	4497	4497	995	All

Who will own this property when project is completed?

The majority of the supplies that we are requesting will be the property of the Grand Forks Public Schools and some of the training items will be the property of Safe Kids Grand Forks since we will be the entity conducting the trainings. We will maintain the inventory for those items that will be used across the school systems.

Maintenance of the project will be provided by:

The training/traffic items that are purchased for each individual school will be maintained by the individual school itself and the training items purchased for Safe Kids Grand Forks will be maintained by their Coordinator/Pedestrian and Wheeled Sport Coordinator. The solar powered radar signs will be maintained by the City of Grand Forks.

Right of Way for this project will be provided by:

There are no Right of Way issues with this non-infrastructure request.

Environmental Impacts (beneficial/adverse):

While there are no adverse impacts to this non-infrastructure grant request, our hope is that there will be beneficial environmental impacts due to more children walking and riding bike rather than coming and going from school in vehicles. There will hopefully be more active children with less air pollution concerns from the motor vehicle use. The non-infrastructure request we are submitting however will not affect trees, grassy property, etc. typically listed in an environmental impact study.

Support of Governmental Agencies:

Safe Kids Grand Forks and the Grand Forks Public School System have been working with our Pedestrian School Safety Task Force for over 7 years. This group consists of the following individuals who work in a very collaborative fashion to assure the safety of our community's children. I will include the entire task force under the heading of "Support of Governmental Agencies" rather than breaking them into separate sections. The title/role and agency which these individuals represent are listed following their names.

PATTY OLSEN
Safe Kids Pedestrian and Wheeled Sports Coordinator
Chairperson – Safe Kids Grand Forks Wheeled Sports & Pedestrian Safety Subcommittee
Safe Kids Coalition Member

TROY GERBER
FedEx
FedEx Manager, Stations Operations/Ramp Operations

JANE WILLIAMS
City of Grand Forks
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Grand Forks Police Department (Community Service Bureau)
Law Enforcement Official – Century and Kelly Schools

OFFICER DAN BRAATEN
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CURT KREUN
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Grand Forks Optimist Club
Bicycle Safety Rodeo Chairman

CARMA HANSON
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Altru Health System

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Winship Elementary School Principal

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Superintendent – Grand Forks Public School System

PERRY MARTO

Director of Building and Grounds – GrandForks Public Schools

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School Nurse – Grand Forks Elementary Schools

MARK AUBOL

Grand Forks City

Streets and Sanitation

EARL HAUGEN

Grand Forks – EGF Metropolitan Planning Organization

NANCY ELLIS

Grand Forks – EGF Metropolitan Planning Organization

BOB ROST

Captain – Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department

MOIRA DONAHUE and SALLY WILLIAMS

Safe Kids Worldwide

Pedestrian Safety Program Director and Manager

Attached, you will find letters of support from the City of Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Grand Forks Police Department and the Grand Forks Public Schools. These entities have been a part of our pedestrian safety work in this community and will continue to work together to support the work that needs to be done on our community-wide level.

Names of Groups/Organizations:

See groups/organizations listed above.

Names of Individuals:

See groups/organizations listed above.

Signature of Contact Person

Date

Signature of Project Sponsor

Date

Signature of MPO Official

Date