

Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety

Road Safety Grants Programme

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Safer Road Users and Safer Vehicles - Round 23

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Bloomberg Philanthropies funds the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety (BIGRS) to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries in low- and middle-income countries. A competitively awarded grants programme is an important part of the initiative. The Road Safety Grants Programme is managed by the Global Road Safety Partnership, one of the implementing partners of BIGRS, and supports projects to develop and deliver high-impact, evidence-based road safety interventions designed to strengthen road safety policies and their implementation.

Eligibility: The Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety focuses on improving and implementing evidence-based road safety policies (including laws, regulations, and standards) in a number of low- and middle-income countries. A number of evidence-based interventions aimed at reducing road traffic deaths and injuries are included in BIGRS. The Road Safety Grants Programme focuses exclusively on the passage and implementation of evidence-based policies which address key behavioural risk factors (speeding, drink driving, lack of seatbelt use, lack of child restraint use, or lack of helmet use) and vehicle safety standards.

Which countries are eligible to apply?

- Applications addressing national level road safety policy reform and/or its implementation with comprehensive provisions on road user behavioural risk factors will be accepted from **Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Uganda, Ukraine, and Vietnam.**
- Applications addressing national level vehicle safety regulations reform and/or vehicle safety regulations implementation will only be accepted from **Mexico.**
- Given the prevailing situation in **Ukraine**, the process and timeline for grant selection and finalization may be adjusted as needed.

Who can apply for a grant?

Governmental and non-governmental organizations in the nominated countries can apply for grants within the following parameters:

- Governmental organizations with relevant authority over road safety policy and/or its implementation. Road police and military agencies are not eligible to apply.
- Non-governmental organizations (including but not limited to civil society organizations and educational institutions) with relevant advocacy experience on policy reform and/or its implementation.

Additionally,

- Applicants must be registered legal entities in the country of project delivery, capable of entering into contractual arrangements, receiving foreign funds, and assuming legal and financial obligations.
- Applicants cannot be recipients of financial support from alcohol, firearms, pornography, or tobacco industries.
- The Road Safety Grants Programme does not fund individuals.
- If you are a current grantee organization, please discuss development of a Concept Note with your focal person in GRSP.

What kind of projects will be funded?

Proposals must focus on policy reform or policy implementation that will lead to substantial reductions in road traffic injuries and deaths. The Road Safety Grants Programme supports organizations **advocating** for passage and implementation of comprehensive policies (legislation, regulations, standards, etc.) to address road user behavioural risk factors and vehicle safety. In particular:

Road User Behavioural Risk Factors

- *Speed*: A speed limit law with a maximum urban speed limit of 50km/h and the power of local authorities to reduce speed limits to ensure safe speeds locally.
- *Drink driving*: A national drink-driving law based on Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.05g/dl or lower for the general population and a BAC of 0.02g/dl or lower for novice drivers.
- *Helmets*: A helmet law that applies to all drivers and passengers, on all roads and all engine types and requires the helmet to be fastened and which makes reference to a particular helmet standard.
- *Seat-belts*: A seat-belt law that applies to all private vehicle occupants in front and rear seats.
- *Child restraints*: A child restraint law based on age, weight or height and the existence of a law that applies age and height restrictions to a child sitting in the front seat.

Vehicle Safety (for Mexico only)

Support strengthening vehicle safety regulations and work towards ensuring that the following safety regulations are applied to and complied with for light duty vehicles:

- *Occupant protection in front collisions UN Reg¹ 94*
- *Occupant protection in lateral collisions UN Reg 95*
- *Side pole impact protection UN Reg 135*
- *Seat belts and seat belt anchorages UN Reg 16 & 14*
- *Child restraint systems UN Reg 44 and 129*
- *ISOFIX anchorages UN Reg 145*
- *Electronic stability control UN Reg 13H²/140/GTR 8*
- *Pedestrian protection UN Reg 127/GTR³ 9*
- *Advanced emergency braking systems– UN Reg 152*
- *Mandatory safety labelling*

¹ United Nations Regulation

² For old models

³ Global Technical Regulation

Support strengthening vehicle safety regulations in two wheelers and work towards ensuring that a motorcycle ABS regulation (UN Reg 78/GTR 3) is applied.

The Road Safety Grants Programme also supports organizations to **support the implementation** of policies to address road user behavioural risk factors (in all eligible countries mentioned above) and vehicle safety (in Mexico only). Some approaches might include:

- Social marketing and media activities to raise public awareness of legislation and ongoing enforcement of it.
- Support efforts to adopt and implement effective regulations, such as helmet standards, child restraint standards or vehicle safety standards.
- Support a government-led effort to develop an implementation plan, which might include organizing a multi-sectoral coordinating committee; advocating for establishment and allocation of a budget that will ensure effective implementation.
- Increase consumer awareness of and demand for vehicle safety, helmets, and child restraint systems that fit WHO recommendations.

While the information above outlines the broad areas of work that can be funded by the grants programme, Round 23 will prioritize projects in the following topics:

Argentina	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Bangladesh	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Brazil	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors, notably speed.
China	Adoption and implementation of evidence-based policies on child restraint systems and/or helmets for e-bike riders.
Colombia	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on the key behavioural risk factors, notably speed and/or child restraints.
Ecuador	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Ethiopia	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Ghana	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on BAC, speed, and/or child restraints. Strengthening standards related to helmets, seatbelts, and/or child restraints.
India	Implementation of Motor Vehicles Amendment Act 2019 for key behavioural risk factors and strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Kenya	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Malaysia	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Mexico	Road user behaviour: Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors. Vehicle safety: Support the strengthening of vehicle safety standards through regulation reform and legislation at the national level.
Uganda	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Ukraine	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors.
Vietnam	Strengthening road safety policy/legislation on key behavioural risk factors, notably child restraint systems and/or helmets for e-bike riders.

What kind of projects will NOT be funded?

The Road Safety Grants Programme does not fund education programmes (school-based or otherwise). It does not fund basic research or academic studies. Nor does it fund the purchase of equipment or funding of road infrastructure.

Systematic surveys of compliance of road safety policies as well as projects to strengthen health data collection are being undertaken separately with the support of Bloomberg Philanthropies and are not funded through the Road Safety Grants Programme.

How much funding can a project receive?

Proposals can be submitted for grants up to a **maximum amount of 150,000 Swiss francs (CHF)** for a project of **no more than 24 months**. However, the final amount of funding will depend on a number of factors, including consideration of a proposed scope of work vis-a-vis capacity of your organization.

Application Process

- Organizations from eligible countries are invited to submit concept notes using our online system at <https://grsp.flexigrant.com/>. Deadline for submission of concept notes is **09 June 2023 at 14:00** Central European Time (CET), (To see what time that is in your country please check www.timeanddate.com).
- Applicant organizations may submit more than one concept note. However, duplicate proposals will be deemed ineligible.
- An international panel of experts and members of an advisory working group will review concept notes. They will be scored on their potential to reduce road traffic fatalities and injuries, project design, and applicant organization capacity.
- Progression to full proposal is by invitation only. You will be informed if your concept note has been selected for advancement by **19 July 2023**.

Points to consider:

- Only applications written in English will be accepted.
- For instructions on submitting a concept note, please go to the following link: <https://www.grsproadsafety.org/apply-grant-r23/>

For more information on GRSP and the Road Safety Grants Programme please visit:

Global Road Safety Partnership:

<https://www.grsproadsafety.org/>

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