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Fall Into Community Action

At America Walks, we recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the passionate hard work being done at the local level to create safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active. This fall we're kicking off several initiatives to help us make sure community change agents have the tools, resources, and networks they need to be successful.

Readers of our newsletter are probably aware that America Walks has been awarding dozens of **Community Change Grants** to deserving organizations and projects across the U.S. These \$1,500 micro grants have had an immense ripple effect to empower local leaders and community members in realizing tangible people-first change. **We're ready to create more ripples with more communities, could it be yours?**

Earlier this year, **we announced that America Walks was awarded a Road to Zero grant** from the National Safety Council. Our new program has stepped into full gear with a

dozen cities starting on a path towards improved safety. [Read about why they are excited to work with us here.](#)

Apply for a Community Change Grant Today

Walking College Fellows Leave the Classroom

America Walks' Walking College Fellows attended [Walk/Bike/Places in New Orleans](#) earlier this month. Fellows took part in a hands-on work day, explored the city while on mobile workshops, and attended breakout sessions to learn about work that can inform their efforts back home. We can't wait to see how they take the lessons from the classroom and hit the streets!



Shift Your Energy From Driving to Walking

Want a greener tomorrow? Start walking today. [Read why choosing to walk or bike is an immediate and effective answer](#) to cutting emissions and effecting local change. The topic is gaining speed – [Crystal Bowne, Program Coordinator at America Walks](#), recently attended a forum on sustainable mobility in her home state of Arkansas.

Register for International Walk to School Day on October 10!

On October 10, more than 5,000 schools will participate in Walk to School Day. [Register your event](#) to ensure your activities count as part of the nationwide movement for walking and bicycling. Check out the Safe Routes to School National Partnership's [resources](#) for making your travel to school healthy and active all year long.

Need more inspiration? [Check out this blog post on how to Change the Way You Commute to School on the Every Body Walk! blog.](#)



Mark Those Calendars

- **Open Now:** [Register for the PedsCount! 2018 Summit.](#)
 - **October 10th:** [Join our free webinar](#), Walk Into Action: Walking and Walkability Policy Issues to learn about using your voice and your vote to yield results in the walking movement.
 - **October 24th:** How do you engage diverse communities in Safe Routes to School? [Register for the upcoming webinar](#), Winning Strategies to Engage Diverse Communities in Safe Routes to School to find out.
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Content We Loved This Month

- [Walkable Suburbia / Planetizen](#)
- [Pedestrians Are People Too: The Criminalization of Walking / America Walks](#)
- [Cities, obsessed with electric cars, overlook simple solutions at climate summit / Curbed](#)
- [Turning Parking Lots Into Affordable Housing is a Win-Win for Transit Agencies / Transit Center](#)



Send America Walks Your Best People-First Summer Photos

Summer is over but we can still relish in the sweet images of the enjoyable, safe, walkable, and equitable places we visited, right?

Send us your captivating photos of special events, everyday walking, and anything that reflects people-first design for possible inclusion in a future newsletter, social media, or other publication.

Email your photos with caption/credit info to Heidi Simon.

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