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Dear Highway Safety Partner:

On behalf of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, I am pleased to announce that the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) will again be offering grant funding opportunities related to traffic safety initiatives for Federal fiscal year 2015.

New York's 2012 crash data showed increases in serious and fatal crashes over the previous year. This confirms that problem areas still persist, particularly related to occupant restraint, impaired drivers, speed and distraction. Although active traffic law enforcement, coupled with motorist and highway user education, has enabled New York to achieve one of the best safety records in the nation, there remain opportunities for improvement.

We invite the highway safety community and our grant partners to participate in the federal highway safety grant program. This year, GTSC will fund the following grant programs:

I. Structured Programs:

Police Traffic Services (PTS) - The Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant program will provide funding to law enforcement agencies to conduct traffic enforcement. In addition to having a current mandatory seat belt use policy in place for police officers of the department, participation in the national Click it or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization is required to be eligible. This program will also fund agencies to conduct traffic enforcement details based on the crash data of their local patrol area with the goal of impacting motorist behavior and improving traffic safety within their jurisdiction.

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) - These grants will continue to support child passenger safety activities: fitting stations, training and education programs, child passenger safety check events and car seat distribution programs for low income families.

II. General Highway Safety Grants

Programs for local, state and not-for-profit agencies: The highway safety grant application for local agencies or for state agencies and not-for-profits is available to apply for funding to address a particular highway safety problem in their jurisdiction. This proposal requires that the applicant submit a narrative outline of the problem with supporting data, details of the proposed activities with milestones and an evaluation plan.

All applications must address one of the program areas included in the state's Highway Safety Strategic Plan. Program areas considered for the general Highway Safety Grant funding include: occupant protection; traffic enforcement; motorcycle safety; traffic records; community programs; programs that impact our younger drivers or older drivers; bicycle safety; pedestrian safety; roadway safety and impaired driving. In 2015, our impaired driving program goals will focus on statewide projects that provide training, equipment and programs to enhance state agencies' initiatives to support the efforts of the county STOP-DWI programs. We anticipate that available federal funding will once again not be increased this year, so we encourage our applicants to submit complete, detailed and data supported proposals.

Problem Identification

Since successful programs are data driven, we encourage you to use the ticket and crash data reports that the GTSC has provided for each county. They are available on the website at www.SafeNY.ny.gov/hsdata.htm . These reports may be used to supplement your local data as you develop your problem identification statements for applications and to evaluate your existing programs and initiatives.

Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted using the eGrants system. The **due date for Police Traffic Services and Child Passenger Safety grant applications is May 15. PTS and CPS applications submitted after May 15 will not be considered. Applicants must submit their proposals by changing the status of their completed 'In Process' proposal to 'Submit' on or before May 15.** General Highway Safety Grant applications are also due May 15th however, if federal funds are available, a second round of general Highway Safety Grant applications may be considered. The deadline for the second round of applications, if applicable, is September 1.

General instructions for preparing grant applications are included in the eGrants system. If your agency does not have a current enrolled Project Director in eGrants, contact the GTSC for guidance. Frequently asked questions, an overview of the requests for proposals, application and review process can be found online at www.SafeNY.ny.gov/egrants/default.html. All not-for-profit agencies **must** be enrolled and in valid pre-qualification status with the New York State Grants Gateway prior to May 15th. Additional information on eligibility requirements can be found on <http://SafeNY.ny.gov/egrants/rules.htm>.

Highway Safety Strategic Plan

Every year the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee prepares the Highway Safety Strategic Plan (HSSP). This plan is the roadmap for traffic safety professionals in the state and is based on issues and strategies identified by GTSC member agencies, other state and local agencies, law enforcement agencies and not-for-profit organizations. The HSSP can be found online at www.SafeNY.ny.gov/hsdata.htm. We invite you to contact the GTSC if you have suggestions for the HSSP.

I join with the staff of the GTSC in looking forward to next year's activities. If you have any questions or need any assistance preparing your grant application, please contact your GTSC Highway Safety Program Representative at (518) 474-5111 or (518) 474-5777.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Governor's Traffic Safety Committee
And Commissioner, New York State
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The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee administers highway safety grant funding in accordance with the US DOT 49 CFR - PART 18 – Uniform Administrative Requirements For Grants And Cooperative Agreements To State And Local Governments, under the guidelines published by the GTSC in the structured applications Guide to Preparing a Highway Safety Program Application. Grants are reviewed for approval based on the criteria stated on the application. In general, the review is based in part on past performance, agreement to perform requested activities, significance of problem identified, and rationale of proposed solution.