



STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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 2013.

Our state's crash data shows that motor vehicle fatalities in New York slightly increased in 2010 after having been on a consistent downward trend between 2006 and 2009. Impaired driving fatalities, while having been on an overall downward trend since 2006, did increase in 2010, as did motorcyclist and bicyclist fatalities. Categories that continued the positive downward trend included fatalities in the younger driver age group and speed-related fatalities. Other positive data included a small decrease in serious injuries from 2009. The seat belt use rate has reached a new statewide high of 91%.

Despite the slight increase in fatalities, overall New York State continues to experience an enviable motor vehicle crash and fatality rate. The efforts of the highway safety community and our grant partnerships are responsible for this record. Continuing in FFY 2013, federal highway safety funds will be used for the following grant programs:

STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

I. Structured Programs:

Buckle Up New York (BUNY) – seat belt enforcement grants will provide overtime funding to participate in the statewide seat belt enforcement for 2013. Funding will be awarded to police agencies at the local, county and state levels for enforcement to increase seat belt compliance. Participating agencies will receive funding for expanded enforcement efforts followed by the annual “May Wave” Buckle Up New York statewide enforcement program. Agencies will be required to conduct use surveys and to participate in public information efforts.

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) – these grants will fund overtime for enforcement of dangerous driving behaviors, including speed, and distraction. Law enforcement agencies using local data will determine problem areas such as high accident locations and will develop enforcement countermeasures to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. They may participate in specific enforcement details defined by the GTSC. Applicants are encouraged to support their enforcement activities with public information and education efforts.

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:

The Highway Safety Grant Application for Local Agencies or for State Agencies and Nonprofits may be used by agencies 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.

The 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 2013, our impaired driving program goals will focus on projects that provide training, equipment and initiatives directed at supporting the efforts of the county STOP-DWI programs.

We anticipate that available funding will not be increased this year, and we encourage our applicants to submit reasonable 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 BUNY, CPS and STEP grant applications is May 15. BUNY, CPS and STEP 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.

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 read 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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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.