



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

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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 2012.

The recent years' positive trend of a declining fatality rate has continued. Over a 3 year period, from 2007 to 2009, New York realized a 13% decrease in fatalities from motor vehicle crashes.

Motor vehicle fatalities have continued to decrease in most areas, and the total number of persons killed in motor vehicles decreased in 2009.

This trend is due to the outstanding efforts from you in law enforcement and the traffic safety officials, STOP-DWI professionals, CPS technicians and others who share the commitment to make New York highways safer for all users.

The goal of GTSC funded projects is to prevent motor vehicle crashes, save lives and reduce the severity of injuries occurring in a crash. Continuing in FFY 2012, federal highway safety funds will be used for the following grant programs:

## 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 2012. 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. 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. 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 -- Programs for Local, State and Nonprofit Agencies:

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 2012, 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.

### 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](http://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. General Highway Safety Grant applications are also due May 15, 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 is September 1.

Apply online using eGrants: <http://www.SafeNY.ny.gov/egrants>

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](http://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,

Chuck DeWeese  
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

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.

