



Governor's Traffic Safety Committee



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STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 2017 GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

I. Structured Programs - Child Passenger Safety and Police Traffic Services:

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) - These grants will continue to support the educational activities of child passenger safety programs through four different initiatives or schedules: fitting stations, training and education programs, child passenger safety check events and car seat distribution programs for low income families.

Please note: New in FFY 2017, the GTSC will be **subjected to a purchase cap of 5% of all 405b funds received for child restraints.** This means child passenger safety grantees will be able to use their awarded Section 405b occupant protection funds to purchase approved line items in their budget, but will only be permitted to **purchase and distribute child restraints** for low income families through the schedule D, low income distribution initiative.

Police Traffic Services (PTS) - The Federal Fiscal Year 2017 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. This program will also fund agencies to conduct traffic enforcement details based on the crash data of their local jurisdiction, with the goal of impacting motorist behavior and improving traffic safety within their communities.

The incentive funding for these structured programs is limited. The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) may not be able to fund all of your initiatives. Applicants may request up to the maximum grant amount of \$40,000 for CPS and up to \$46,000 for PTS. There is no minimum request amount.

II. General Highway Safety Grants - Programs for local, state and not-for-profit agencies:

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

Proposals must address one of the program areas included in the state's Highway Safety Strategic Plan, which can be found online at www.SafeNY.ny.gov/hsdata.htm. 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; pedestrian safety; roadway safety and impaired driving.

In 2017, 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. The GTSC anticipates that available federal funding will not be increased this year, so applicants are encouraged to submit complete, detailed and data-supported proposals.

Highway Safety Strategic Plan

Every year, the GTSC prepares the Highway Safety Strategic Plan (HSSP). This plan is the road map for traffic safety professionals in the state and is based on issues and strategies identified by the 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 questions or suggestions regarding the HSSP.

Problem Identification

Since successful programs are data-driven, applicants are encouraged to use the crash and ticket data reports that are available for each county. New in FFY 2017, county crash data reports will no longer be posted on the GTSC website. In March 2016, the GTSC, in partnership with the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITSMR), launched

an internet-based crash database for public use. The database, called the Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR), contains crash data from 2009 forward, including preliminary crash data from the current year with only a three-month lag. To access the TSSR, please visit www.itsmr.org/TSSR. Individual county reports containing ticket data for 2012-2014 are available on the GTSC website at www.SafeNY.ny.gov. Please contact your Highway Safety Program Representative at the GTSC if you have questions.

Application Procedure

Please note: New for FFY 2017, the due date for all applications has been moved up to May 1, 2016.

New in 2017, grantees are no longer allowed to purchase and distribute bicycle helmets, promotional items ("giveaways"), and child passenger safety seats, other than child passenger safety seats purchased for a qualifying low income distribution program.

Not-for-profit agencies must register with and be pre-qualified in the New York State Grants Gateway before submitting a GTSC grant proposal. Proposals received from not-for-profit applicants that have not registered and are not pre-qualified in the Grants Gateway on the proposal due date of 11:59 PM on 5/1/16 cannot be evaluated. Such proposals will be disqualified from further consideration. Applicants needing assistance with Grants Gateway enrollment or enrollment in the GTSC's eGrants, should contact the GTSC.

Applications must be submitted using the GTSC eGrants system. The due date for General Highway Safety, Child Passenger Safety and Police Traffic Services grant applications is May 1. Applications submitted after May 1 cannot be considered.

Applicants must submit their proposals by changing the status of their completed 'In Process' proposal to 'Submitted' on or before May 1.

General instructions for preparing grant applications are included in the eGrants system. If your agency does not have a Project Director currently enrolled in eGrants, contact the GTSC for guidance. Frequently asked questions, an overview of the requests for proposals, application and review processes can be found online at

www.SafeNY.ny.gov/egrants/default.html.

Additional information on eligibility requirements can be found on

<http://SafeNY.ny.gov/egrants/rules.htm>.

If you have any questions or need any assistance preparing your grant application, please contact your GTSC Highway Safety Program Representative listed below .

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The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee administers highway safety grant funding in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, 49 CFR Part 18; Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Programs 23 CFR Part 1200; and Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 2 CFR Part 200 and according to the guidelines published by the GTSC in the structured applications and the Guide to Preparing a Highway Safety Program applications. 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.