

FFY2026 Terms and Conditions for All Grants

The following terms and conditions must be met in order to obtain and conduct a federally-funded traffic safety program. Upon approval of this grant award, these terms and conditions will become a part of the executed agreement. In these Terms and Conditions, the term “sub-recipient”, “state”, “state highway safety agency” refers/applies to the Administering Agency of the project.

1.) **Agreement**

Any inconsistencies between agreements and any attached documents shall be resolved in favor of the most current revised agreement on the online system, which shall be the controlling document. All activities conducted under this grant program must address problem ID as shown in the county profile and be data driven and evidence-based. “Countermeasures That Work” must be used to determine the work plan activities to achieve the goals of the grant.

2.) **Legislative Authority**

The Authorizing Official shall obtain the legal legislative authority necessary to implement the activity, to make expenditures and to receive funds, as set forth by this agreement.

3.) **Nondiscrimination (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**

The State highway safety agency [and its subrecipients] will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination (“Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities”). These include but are not limited to:

- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** (42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- **49 CFR part 21** (entitled *Non-discrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*);
- **28 CFR 50.3** (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- **The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970**, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- **Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973**, (23 U.S.C. 324 *et seq.*), **and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683 and 1685-1686) (prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex);
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, (29 U.S.C. 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR part 27;
- **The Age Discrimination Act of 1975**, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- **The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987**, (Pub. L. 100-209), (broadens scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the

programs or activities of the Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);

- ***Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act*** (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the “Acts” and “Regulations,” respectively.

General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby give assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including NHTSA.”

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other non-discrimination requirements (the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these nondiscrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted Highway Safety Grant Program:

1. The Recipient agrees that each “activity,” “facility,” or “program,” as defined in § 21.23(b) and (e) of 49 CFR part 21 will be (with regard to an “activity”) facilitated, or will be (with regard to a “facility”) operated, or will be (with regard to a “program”) conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.
2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Request For Proposals for work, or materials subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Highway Safety Grant Programs and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

“The [name of Recipient], in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to the advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.”

3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of appendix A and E of this Assurance (also referred to as DOT Order 1050.2A) ⁽¹⁾ in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of appendix B of DOT Order 1050.2A, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipients.
5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form of, or for the acquisition of, real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in appendix C and appendix D of this DOT Order 1050.2A, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
 - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
 - a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits: or
 - b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.
10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing the ASSURANCE, the State highway safety agency also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing NHTSA's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that

you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by NHTSA. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to NHTSA, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collections, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The State highway safety agency give this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Highway Safety Grant Program. This ASSURANCE is binding on the State highway safety agency, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Highway Safety Grant Program. The person(s) signing below is/are authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

4.) **The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 8103)**

The State will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
 2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations occurring in the workplace.
 5. Making it a requirement that each employee engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- c. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
 1. Abide by the terms of the statement.
 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;
- d. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (c) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
- e. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (c) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination;
 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

- f. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of all the paragraphs above.

5.) **Political Activity (Hatch Act) (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**

The State will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508), which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

6.) **Certification Regarding Federal Lobbying (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

7.) **Restriction on State Lobbying (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance

with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

8.) **Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**

Instructions for Primary Tier Certification (States)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.
4. The prospective primary tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms *covered transaction*, *civil judgment*, *debarment*, *suspension*, *ineligible*, *participant*, *person*, *principal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The prospective primary tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
7. The prospective primary tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency may terminate the transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that its principals:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of record, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary tier participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Lower Tier Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms *covered transaction*, *civil judgment*, *debarment*, *suspension*, *ineligible*, *lower tier*, *participant*, *person*, *principal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transaction. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<http://www.sam.gov>).
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

9.) **Buy America Act (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**

The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase with Federal funds only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification to and approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

10.) **Certification on Conflict of Interest (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**

General Requirements

No employee, officer or agent of a State or its subrecipient who is authorized in an official capacity to negotiate, make, accept or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting or approving any subaward, including contracts or subcontracts, in connection with this grant shall have, directly or indirectly, any financial or personal interest in any such subaward. Such a financial or personal interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or personal interest in or a tangible personal benefit from an entity considered for a subaward. Based on this policy:

1. The recipient shall maintain a written code or standards of conduct that provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents.
 - a. The code or standards shall provide that the recipient's officers, employees, or agents may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from present or potential subawardees, including contractors or parties to subcontracts.
 - b. The code or standards shall establish penalties, sanctions or other disciplinary actions for violations, as permitted by State or local law or regulations.
2. The recipient shall maintain responsibility to enforce the requirements of the written code or standards of conduct.

Disclosure Requirements

No State or its subrecipient, including its officers, employees or agents, shall perform or continue to perform under a grant or cooperative agreement, whose objectivity may be impaired because of any related past, present, or currently planned interest, financial or otherwise, in organizations regulated by NHTSA or in organizations whose interests may be substantially affected by NHTSA activities. Based on this policy:

1. The recipient shall disclose any conflict of interest identified as soon as reasonably possible, making an immediate and full disclosure in writing to NHTSA. The disclosure shall include a description of the action which the recipient has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflict.
2. NHTSA will review the disclosure and may require additional relevant information from the recipient. If a conflict of interest is found to exist, NHTSA may (a) terminate the award, or (b) determine that is otherwise in the best interest of NHYSA to continue the award and include appropriate provision to mitigate or avoid such conflict.
3. Conflicts of interest that require disclosure include all past, present or currently planned organization, financial, contractual or other interests(s) with an organization regulated by NHTSA or with an organization whose interests may be substantially affected by NHTSA activities, and which are related to this award. The interest(s) that require disclosure include those of any recipient, affiliate, proposed consultant, proposed subcontractor and key personnel of any of the above. Past interest shall be limited to within one year of the date of the award. Key personnel shall include any person owning more than a 20 percent interest in a recipient, and the officers, employees or agents of a recipient who are responsible for making a decision or taking an action under an award where the decision or action can have an economic or other impact on the interests of a regulated or affected organization.

- 11.) **Prohibition on Using Grant Funds to Check for Helmet Usage (Applies to Subrecipients as Well as States)**
The State and each subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.
- 12.) **Policy on Seat Belt Use**
In accordance with Executive Order 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, dated April 16, 1997, the Grantee is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for providing leadership and guidance in support of this Presidential initiative. For information and resources on traffic safety programs and policies for employers, please contact the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), a public-private partnership dedicated to improving the traffic safety practices of employers and employees. You can download information on seat belt programs, costs of motor vehicle crashes to employers, and other traffic safety initiatives at www.trafficsafety.org. The NHTSA website (www.nhtsa.gov) also provides information on statistics, campaigns, and program evaluations and references.
- 13.) **Policy on Banning Text Messaging While Driving**
In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, States are encouraged to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted driving, including policies to ban text messaging while driving company-owned or -rented vehicles, Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles, or privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work on or behalf of the Government. States are also encouraged to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.
- 14.) **Limitations**
This agreement is a commitment to perform the work identified herein and this authorization is limited to:
- A.) The scope of work performed after the “Authorized to proceed” and before the “Agreement Termination” dates, as specified in the transmittal letter.
 - B.) The scope of work, rates of participations, federal funds, special conditions, and cost category amounts as defined by the online GRANTS Plus System;
 - C.) Actual costs that are incurred in accordance with OMB Circulars 2 CFR Part 200, Part 215, Part 220, Part 225, Part 230 and 45 CFR Part 74 Appendix E limited to the approved activity.

15.) **Supplanting**

Grant funds must not be used to supplant state or local funds, meaning that grant funds must not be used to replace routine or local expenditures for costs of activities that constitute general expenses required to carry out the overall responsibilities of the sub-recipient and/or its sub-recipients.

16.) **Food**

Costs relating to food for meetings, award banquets, etc. are not allowable.

17.) **Pre-Activity**

A grant pre-activity is required before any costs can be eligible for reimbursement. OTSO will notify the sub-recipient of the availability of the pre-activity prior to the "Authorized to Proceed Date" in the transmittal letter for the executed agreement. The pre-activity must be reviewed by, but not limited to, the designated project director and fiscal officer. The Pre-Activity must be reviewed, certified (check the box), and submitted to OTSO through GRANTS Plus. If there are changes to the Project Director and/or Fiscal Officer, the Pre-Activity must be reviewed by the new personnel.

18.) **OTSO/Sub-recipient Meetings**

Sub-recipients must attend all scheduled OTSO/Sub-recipient meetings to coordinate and review activity including current crash data to achieve high visibility enforcement, education and awareness.

19.) **Press Release**

Each sub-recipient is required to submit a press release to their local media announcing the grant award, including amount and purpose of award. Additional press releases are required depending on grant type; see Special Conditions beginning on page 25 for additional requirements.

20.) **Grant Revisions**

Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement must be submitted online and approved by OTSO prior to implementing proposed changes. All final revisions to this agreement (either programmatic or fiscal), must be submitted online prior to September 1, 2026. Any requests for revisions after this date will not be approved.

OTSO reserves the right to limit grant amounts at any time based on performance and/or available funding. Any changes made to the executed agreement limiting grant amounts by the OTSO shall be made in writing.

21.) **Required Personnel**

Each proposal/grant is required to have, at a minimum, an authorizing official, a project director and a fiscal officer. See page 7 for a description of each. This information must be kept current.

22.) **GRANTS plus User Accounts/Password Security**

For security purposes, each person using the GRANTS Plus system must have a separate user name and password. Each account must have its own email account.

Sub-recipient agency personnel must not share passwords with agency staff or ODPS staff.

23.) **Labor Costs**

All work (personnel labor costs) reimbursed under this grant must be for actual paid hours worked. Labor costs based on a percentage of hours worked or hours accrued as comp time will not be accepted for reimbursement. Leave hours (i.e., sick, vacation, personal, holiday, etc.) are not reimbursable as direct labor. The employer's share of **certain** fringe benefits (i.e., retirement, Medicare, etc.) are eligible for reimbursement. Worker's Compensation is not eligible for reimbursement. Documentation verifying fringe percentages must be available to OTSO upon request.

24.) **Personnel Activity Reports**

Personnel activity reports may be required for any individual working on this federal grant program. These reports, at a minimum, must document date worked, detailed explanation of activity performed and the number of hours per day to be charged to this agreement. This document must be signed and dated by the individual and their immediate supervisor, maintained by the administering agency and submitted as a part of the expenditure report documentation required.

25.) **Sub-Contracts**

All sub-contracts must be submitted to OTSO for review prior to their execution and are subject to the same laws, regulations, and policies that govern this agreement.

Contracts and procurements must include a copy of these Terms and Conditions.

Do not include a specific contractor's name/vendor's name in the proposal/grant.

Any public information/educational materials purchased under a sub-contract, must be submitted to OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to incurring the cost.

Any training courses must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to scheduling.

26.) **Equipment**

All non-expendable equipment (i.e., having a useful life of one year or more and cost \$1,000 or more) shall be entered into OTSO equipment inventory system. All purchased equipment must be used for approved traffic safety activities throughout its useful life. All purchases must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to incurring the cost.

27.) **Central Services**

Costs for certain operational services provided to an agency on a centralized basis are unallowable. To be eligible for a reimbursement, a cost must be documented with an actual transfer of funds.

28.) **Supplies / Materials / Other Direct Costs**

All supplies, materials, and other direct costs must be used for approved traffic safety activities throughout its useful life. All purchases must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to incurring the cost. Outreach efforts should be made and materials should be provided to reach the county's ethnic and/or limited English speaking populations.

Alcohol is not allowed to be purchased with funds from this grant.

The sub-recipient must submit a final draft copy of all materials to OTSO for approval prior to production. In addition:

- A.) All materials shall include federal sponsorship credit and/or disclaimer clauses as directed by OTSO. The credit line shall state: Funded by U.S. DOT/NHTSA and ODPS.
- B.) All public service announcements funded with federal funds, in whole or in part, must be closed captioned for the hearing impaired.
- C.) All data results, reports, equipment, supplies and other materials (including but not limited to electronic versions) developed by the sub-recipient must be available to ODPS/OTSO upon request.

29.) **Request for Bids**

OTSO will not reimburse for costs incurred by a sub-recipient for “requests for bids” for any services or purchases.

30.) **Travel**

Any request for travel and associated costs must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to incurring any travel related costs.

Attendance at any conference/seminar/workshop that charges a registration fee must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to registration. All conferences/seminars/workshops must be traffic safety related; an agenda must be provided to OTSO.

All out of state travel conducted under this grant agreement will be reimbursed using U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) rates based on travel location or your agency’s travel policy whichever is less.

A current travel policy must be submitted with the grant proposal. OTSO will not reimburse for meals provided by the conference. Dietary restrictions need to be worked out with the conference organizer. Alcohol is not allowed to be purchased with funds from this grant.

31.) **Training**

The cost of training personnel for traffic safety purposes may be funded when the training supports both the goals and scope of work of the approved grant program and the goals of OTSO. All training requests and purchases must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to incurring the cost.

32.) **Request to Purchase (RTP)**

All RTPs must be submitted to OTSO by August 1, 2026.

33.) **Expenditure Reports (Reimbursement Claims/Progress Reports)**

This agreement will operate on a reimbursement basis only. The administering agency must first incur the costs for approved expenditures and then apply for the reimbursement. Appropriate and accurate documentation will be required for each expense. Expenditure Reports with accurate documentation and corresponding report information must be submitted monthly. If there wasn’t any activity, a zero-expenditure

report must be submitted. The expenditure report must be submitted online to OTSO by the 15th calendar day of the following month. Failure to submit these reports in a timely manner will cause a delay in payment of claims, may jeopardize funding for present and future projects and may result in being placed in Sub-Recipient on Notice status.

34.) **Denial of Costs**

OTSO may deny costs for non-compliance with OTSO policies and procedures, terms and conditions and/or federal and state regulations by requesting the cost(s) be removed from the online expenditure report. A written response to all denials must be provided to OTSO within 30 days after the date transmitted to the sub-recipient or the sub-recipient relinquishes all rights to the denied cost(s).

35.) **Monitoring**

Programmatic and fiscal monitoring of grants shall be conducted in accordance with U.S. DOT/NHTSA and OTSO guidelines. Programmatic and fiscal monitoring may include representatives from the federal and/or state government.

36.) **Sub-recipient on Notice**

Sub-recipients that fail to meet performance standards and/or grant requirements may be placed in Sub-Recipient on Notice status. This designation will last until an agency satisfies agreed upon requirements.

Criteria for being placed in Sub-Recipient on Notice status:

- a) A pattern of untimely submissions of required expenditure reports (including required supporting documentation).
- b) Sub-recipient fails to perform activities according to the approved plan.
- c) A pattern of utilizing funds for unapproved activities, or has attempted to as identified in the review of expenditure reports and supporting documentation.

For more information about Sub-Recipient on Notice, contact the OTSO.

37.) **Final Report and Final Expenditure Report**

A final comprehensive annual report **and** a properly documented final expenditure report are due to the OTSO November 1st.

The final expenditure report will not be reviewed until the annual report has been submitted.

- If either the final expenditure report or the annual report are not submitted by November 1st, a 10 percent penalty may be deducted from the final expenditure report.
- If either the final expenditure report or the annual report are not submitted by November 15th, the final expenditure report will not be reimbursed.

The previous year's final expense report and/or annual report will be completed during the current federal fiscal year with a reasonable amount of hours.

38.) **Records Retention**

All records relating to project activity and/or expenditures must be maintained for review by representatives of the federal or state government for at least three years following the final reimbursement payment.

39.) **Management Letter/Audit Report Submission**

As a pass-through agency for federal funding, OTSO is required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Subpart F of the Uniform Guidance to ensure you have met the audit requirements of the circular.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2014-title2-vol1/CFR-2014-title2-vol1-sec200-501>

You are required to retain a copy of your most recent Audit Report, Management Letter and/or Single Audit Report and provide to ODPS/OTSO upon request.

40.) **Termination of Agreement**

Either OTSO or the sub-recipient may terminate this Agreement for any reason by giving the other party 30 days written notice. If the Agreement is cancelled under this provision, OTSO shall reimburse the sub-recipient for approved work completed and documented to that date. Upon termination all data results, reports and other materials developed by the sub-recipient will become the property of OTSO. All of the equipment, materials and/or supplies provided to the sub-recipient for use under this agreement must be returned to OTSO upon request within 30 days of said written notice. Should any change in federal funding adversely affect OTSO's ability to complete the fiscal year's activities, OTSO has the right to revise or terminate the agreement in writing.

41.) **End of Grant**

If a subsequent grant is not awarded after the end of the grant period, all data results, reports, equipment, supplies and other materials developed by the sub-recipient must be returned to OTSO upon request within 30 days.

Special Conditions

In addition to Terms and Conditions # 1 – 41, the following Special Conditions apply to Impaired Driving Enforcement Program (IDEP)/Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), OVI Task Forces (OVITF), Safe Communities (SC) and General (GG) grant awards:

Impaired Driving Enforcement Program/Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

42.) **Enforcing Seat Belt Laws**

The agency will enforce all seat belt and child restraint laws on all traffic stops made under this grant.

43.) **Training Certification**

The sub-recipient must assure all enforcement personnel involved in approved overtime enforcement-related activities are certified in the following type(s) of training, as appropriate:

Alcohol-related traffic enforcement – (Arresting officer only): Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)

Drugged Driving traffic enforcement - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

44.) **Mandatory Blitzes**

Funding for all OTSO identified blitzes must be used for overtime traffic enforcement, saturation patrols and OVI checkpoints only. Directing traffic, conducting parking detail at events, crash investigations, criminal investigations (i.e., drug investigation/enforcement, assaults, thefts, etc.), and any non-traffic safety related activities, or any activities not identified in scope of work or work plan are not reimbursable activities.

45.) **National Enforcement Campaigns**

All agencies utilizing overtime enforcement funds from OTSO are required to participate in the “Click It or Ticket” (CIOT) mobilization and both “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” (DSOGPO) alcohol crackdowns.

Scheduled dates for the national enforcement campaigns are:

Winter Holiday DSOGPO: December 12, 2025 – January 1, 2026

CIOT: May 18 – 31, 2026

DSOGPO: August 14 – September 7, 2026

46.) **Press Releases**

In addition to the grant award press release, STEP and IDEP sub-recipients must attempt to publicize its local efforts during each blitz and national enforcement campaign prior to the enforcement activity and again with the results of the enforcement effort. OTSO will provide media toolkits for the blitzes and enforcement campaigns to assist with these efforts.

47.) **Enforcement Hours Eligibility**

Direct labor hours expended in traffic safety enforcement programs must be over and above the normal active pay status work week as defined in the sub-recipient’s current labor agreement or departmental policy. Part-time permanent staff members are eligible for funding, with prior approval by OTSO. Only one officer per patrol car will be funded as part of traffic enforcement grants. All enforcement hours must be reimbursed at the actual rate of pay.

48.) **Transportation Costs**

OTSO will reimburse a maximum of five percent of direct labor costs (Blitz and Non-Blitz hours only) for the agency to put towards fuel/transportation costs. Do not include education costs in the labor costs. Mileage logs, receipts, etc. are not required to be submitted with reimbursement claims, but must be maintained by the agency for auditing purposes.

49.) **Education Efforts**

OTSO will reimburse for hours/costs spent towards education efforts for IDEP/STEP grants. These efforts can be used towards educating students, the general public at events, or officers and must be consistent with traffic safety problem identification (no interview techniques or other courses not related to traffic safety). Education efforts must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to incurring any costs. See page 32 for maximum amounts based on jurisdiction size.

OVI Task Forces

50.) Enforcing Seat Belt Laws

The agency will enforce all seat belt and child restraint laws on all traffic stops made under this grant.

51.) Site Selection

Justification for sites selected for enforcement activities must be documented and maintained as a part of the sub-recipient's file for this agreement.

52.) Training Certification

The sub-recipient must assure all enforcement personnel involved in approved overtime enforcement-related activities are certified in the following type(s) of training, as appropriate:

Alcohol-related traffic enforcement – (Arresting officer only): Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)

Drugged Driving traffic enforcement - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

53.) National Enforcement Campaigns

All agencies utilizing overtime enforcement funds from OTSO are required to participate in both "Drive Sober and Get Pulled Over" (DSOGPO) alcohol crackdowns.

Scheduled dates for the national enforcement campaigns are:

Winter Holiday DSOGPO: December 12, 2025 – January 1, 2026

DSOGPO: August 14 – September 7, 2026

54.) Press Releases

In addition to the grant award press release, OVI Task Forces are required to conduct three press conference events (one in coordination with the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over alcohol crackdown), promote the task force through press releases and publicize checkpoints as required by law. OTSO will provide media toolkits for the blitzes and enforcement campaigns to assist with these efforts.

55.) Enforcement Hours Eligibility

Direct labor hours expended in traffic safety enforcement programs must be over and above the normal active pay status workweek as defined in the sub-recipient's current labor agreement or departmental policy. Part-time permanent staff members are eligible for funding, with prior approval by OTSO. Only one officer per patrol car will be funded as part of traffic enforcement grants. All enforcement hours must be reimbursed at the actual rate of pay.

56.) Transportation Costs

OTSO will reimburse a maximum of five percent of direct labor costs (saturation patrol and checkpoint hours for both the lead and participating agencies) for the agency to put towards fuel/transportation costs. Do not include coordination or education costs in the labor costs. Mileage logs, receipts, etc. are not required to be submitted with reimbursement claims, but must be maintained by the agency for auditing purposes.

57.) **Education Efforts**

OTSO will reimburse for hours/costs spent towards education efforts for OVITF grants. These efforts can be used towards educating students, the general public at events, or officers and must be consistent with traffic safety problem identification (no interview techniques or other courses not related to traffic safety). Education efforts must be submitted to and approved by OTSO on a Request to Purchase form prior to incurring any costs. A total of five percent of direct labor costs (do not include coordination costs) will be allowed towards education efforts.

58.) **Participating Law Enforcement Agencies**

Participating law enforcement agencies performing activity under this grant must be paid for activity performed before reimbursement will be paid to the lead agency.

59.) **Documentation for Overtime Activity with Participating Agencies**

Documentation (check numbers, EFT, or DD) that the lead agency paid participating agencies working under the grant must be provided. Additional documentation may be requested.

60.) **Personnel Activity Reports**

Personnel Activity Reports are required for all coordination hours on this federal grant program. These reports, at a minimum, must document date worked, detailed explanation of activity performed and the number of hours per day to be charged to this agreement. Individuals working on more than one grant, must also include start and end times in the description. This document must be signed and dated by the individual and their immediate supervisor. It must be included as a part of the expenditure report documentation.

Safe Communities

61.) **Coalition Meetings**

Safe Communities programs must conduct a minimum of four coalition meetings during the grant period. Copies of signature rosters and the coalition meeting agenda must be kept on file and made available upon request. Notice of meetings must be sent to the assigned planner and LEL.

62.) **Kick-Off Events**

Each Safe Communities program is required to conduct a "Click it or Ticket" and a "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" kick-off event. Each Safe Communities must conduct their own event in their own county. The CIOT event must be no earlier than May 11, 2026 and no later than May 22, 2026. The DSOGPO event must be no earlier than August 7, 2025 and no later than August 21, 2026. These events must include participation, at a minimum, by your coalition members, local law enforcement, community leaders, and the media. Each Safe Communities must complete and submit a Kick-off Event Form by the required deadline. Each form will be reviewed for content. Additional participation in an adjacent county's event will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

63.) **Fatal Crash Data Review Committee**

A Fatal Data Review Committee will meet in any quarter that a fatality has been reported in the county to review fatal crash reports to identify patterns or trends that could increase impact of traffic safety countermeasures. Copies of signature rosters and the coalition meeting agenda must be kept on file and made available upon request. Notice of meetings must be sent to the assigned planner and LEL.

64.) **Reporting of Fatality Information**

In order for communities to be kept informed on fatal crashes occurring in their areas, each Safe Communities program is required to report to their local media, at least quarterly, on the fatal crashes occurring in the community using data from the OTSO Statistics Portal (<https://otso.ohio.gov/resources/reports-and-statistics/crash-statistics>). Notification shall be sent to the media no later than the 15th of the month following the ending quarter. For example: Fatalities occurring in October, November and December must be reported by January 15th. Media can include: television, radio, newspapers, etc. Copies of these releases must be kept in file and will be subject to review by OTSO.

65.) **Personnel Activity Reports**

Personnel Activity Reports are required for all individuals working on this federal grant program. These reports, at a minimum, must document date worked, detailed explanation of activity performed and the number of hours per day to be charged to this agreement. Individuals working on more than one grant, must also include start and end times in the description. This document must be signed and dated by the individual and their immediate supervisor. It must be included as a part of the expenditure report documentation.

Summer Holiday Enforcement Program

66.) **Enforcing Seat Belt Laws**

The agency will enforce all seat belt and child restraint laws on all traffic stops made under this grant.

67.) **Training Certification**

The sub-recipient must assure all enforcement personnel involved in approved overtime enforcement-related activities are certified in the following type(s) of training, as appropriate:

Alcohol-related traffic enforcement – (Arresting officer only): Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)

Drugged Driving traffic enforcement - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

Speed management-related traffic enforcement – Electronic Speed Measuring Device Training (ESMD)

68.) **Mandatory Blitzes**

Funding for all OTSO identified blitzes must be used for overtime traffic enforcement, saturation patrols and OVI checkpoints only. Directing traffic, conducting parking detail at events, crash investigations, criminal investigations (i.e., drug investigation/enforcement, assaults, thefts, etc.), any non-traffic safety related activities, or any activities not identified in scope of work or work plan are not reimbursable activities.

69.) **National Enforcement Campaigns**

All agencies utilizing overtime enforcement funds from OTSO are required to participate in the “Click It or Ticket” (CIOT) mobilization and the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” (DSOGPO) alcohol crackdowns.

Scheduled dates for the national enforcement campaigns are:

CIOT: May 18 – 31, 2026

DSOGPO: August 14 – September 7, 2026

70.) **Press Releases**

In addition to the grant award press release, Summer Holiday Enforcement Program sub-recipients must attempt to publicize its local efforts during each blitz and national enforcement campaign prior to the enforcement activity and again with the results of the enforcement effort. OTSO will provide media toolkits for the blitzes and enforcement campaigns to assist with these efforts.

71.) **Enforcement Hours Eligibility**

Direct labor hours expended in traffic safety enforcement programs must be over and above the normal active pay status work week as defined in the sub-recipient’s current labor agreement or departmental policy. Part-time permanent staff members are eligible for funding, with prior approval by OTSO. Only one officer per patrol car will be funded as part of traffic enforcement grants. All enforcement hours must be reimbursed at the actual rate of pay.

General Grants

72.) **Personnel Activity Reports**

Personnel Activity Reports are required for all individuals working on this federal grant program. These reports, at a minimum, must document date worked, detailed explanation of activity performed and the number of hours per day to be charged to this agreement. Individuals working on more than one grant, must also include start and end times in the description. This document must be signed and dated by the individual and their immediate supervisor. It must be included as a part of the expenditure report documentation.