

THE TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Traffic Safety Grant Program, located in the Florida Department of Transportation Safety Office, provides seed funding to solve traffic safety problems from educational and enforcement approaches. Topics addressed include alcohol, seat belts and child-safety seats, police traffic services, speed and aggressive driving, traffic records, motorcycle, roadway, community traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety.

More information is available at www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/HighwaySafetyGrantProgram/hsgp/hsgp.htm.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

State agencies, universities, units of local government and not-for-profit organizations.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Funding for state and local programs. Also, some of the emphasis areas have resource centers which provide technical assistance, publications and safety materials.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

The amount of funding varies by emphasis area and type of project.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and to a lesser extent the Federal Highway Administration.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

Concept papers are accepted from January 1 - March 31 each year. A full application will be filled out for selected projects before the project begins. Projects run on the federal FY (October 1 - September 30), and most projects can be funded for up to three years.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Since these grants are intended to be seed funding, local agencies are expected to pick up some of the program costs, especially for any personnel, in the second and third years of funding. New positions are funded 100 percent the first year, 75 percent the second year and 50 percent the third year, and are expected to continue to be funded at the local level thereafter.

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