

Overview

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION**

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) administers the federally-funded State and Community Highway Safety Program (commonly referred to as Section 402), and coordinates highway safety activities throughout the state. Each year, South Carolina receives approximately three million dollars in Section 402 funding. SC uses these and other federal monies to fund sustainable grant proposals aimed at reducing collisions and traffic-related fatalities and injuries. Applicant's proposals must demonstrate a measurable impact on highway and traffic safety; be cost effective; and contain a method of evaluation that substantiates both performance and impact. Highway Safety grant funds are awarded to qualified applicants to create new or expand existing highway safety programs, with the intention that such initiatives continue when grant funding is discontinued. State agencies; non-profit 501(c) 3 organizations, political subdivisions (city and state), and state, local and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments are eligible to apply. The usual grant funding cycle is from October 1 - September 30. The submission deadline is in February of each year.

Version:

Application Deadline: 2024-03-25

Application #: T23592

Grant #:

Award Date:

State Start Date: 2022-10-01

State End Date: 2024-09-30

Project Details

Project Title: City of Smith Law Enforcement Challenge Grant

Project Location: Smith City

Project Summary (max. 300 characters): The City of Smith Police Department is requesting grant funding to enhance enforcement activity during the four mobilization periods required by the 2025 Law Enforcement Challenge.

Program Area: Police Traffic Services: Enforcement

Type of Application: New

Year of Funds: 1

Plan to apply for additional years of funding after first year?: Yes

Agency Details

Agency Name: SCDPS, Office of Highway Safety & Justice
Programs-City of Smith PD

Address: 1234 Smith St.

City: Smith

State: SC

9 Digit Zip:

(Area) Phone #:

(Area) Fax #:

County: State Agency

**Other
county/counties this
project will serve:**

Organization Type: City

Other (specify):

**U.S. Congressional
District:** 00

Budget

CATEGORIES			GRANTOR	TOTAL
PERSONNEL - SALARIES:				
Position Title	Annual Salary/Rate	% of Time On Project		
PTS Enforcement activity hours	7000	100	\$7,000	\$7,000
TOTAL SALARIES:			\$7,000	\$7,000
PERSONNEL - FRINGE BENEFITS, EMPLOYER PORTION:				
(Itemize - i.e FICA, Work, Comp, Retirement, etc.)				
Description	Rate	X Base		
Social Security & Medicare (FICA)	1000	1	\$1,000	\$1,000
Retirement	2000	1	\$2,000	\$2,000
Workers Compensation Insurance				
Unemployment Insurance				
Health Insurance				
Dental				
Pre-Retirement Death Benefit				
Accident Death Benefit (Police Officers)				
Other (List applicable other fringes in budget narrative)				
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS:			\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL PERSONNEL:			\$10,000	\$10,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:				
(Describe services to be performed)				
Description	Cost	Quantity		
			\$0	\$0
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:			\$0	\$0
IN-STATE TRAVEL:				
(Itemize-include mileage, airline cost, lodging, parking, per diem)				

Description	Cost	Quantity		
			\$ 0	\$ 0

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL:

(Itemize-include mileage, airline cost, lodging, parking, per diem)

Description	Cost	Quantity		
			\$ 0	\$ 0

TOTAL TRAVEL: \$ 0 \$ 0

EQUIPMENT (items >= \$1000):

(Itemize - DO NOT use brand names. DO NOT include leased or rented items)

Item	Cost	Quantity		
			\$ 0	\$ 0

TOTAL EQUIPMENT: \$ 0 \$ 0

OTHER (items < \$1000):

Description	Cost	Quantity		
			\$ 0	\$ 0

TOTAL OTHER: \$ 0 \$ 0

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$10,000 \$10,000

Budget Narrative

BUDGET DESCRIPTION: List items under each Budget Category Heading. Explain exactly how each item listed in your budget (both grantor and match) will be utilized. It is important that the necessity of these items, as they relate to the operation of the program, be established. Please provide descriptions only. No dollar amounts should be provided.

Personnel: PTS Enforcement Project Activity Hours (ST/OT) and allowable fringe benefits to be adjusted proportionally to grant project activity hours worked.

Funds will be used to compensate officers for time spent conducting allowable grant activities, including but not limited to time spent conducting dedicated enforcement activity during during the following statewide mobilizations: Christmas/New Year's Sober or Slammer!, Buckle Up, South Carolina, Operation Southern Slow Down, and Labor Day Sober or Slammer.

Program Narrative

PROBLEM STATEMENT: First, define the problem exactly as it exists in your particular community. Describe the nature and magnitude of the problem using valid, updated statistical data; cite the source and date of your information. Sufficient data should be provided to prove the problem is significant and should be addressed. Include a discussion and analysis of trends in traffic-related incidents, their scope and characteristics. Data should be presented covering the past three (3) years. Second, include a discussion on your existing efforts and level of activities (current resources and programs) in dealing with the problem and why new or additional intervention/activity is needed.

Traffic collisions represent a significant issue on South Carolina's roadways and DUI and Speeding (Driving Too Fast for Conditions) consistently rank among the top five contributing factors for fatal and injury collisions. Despite the state's size and lower population (compared to that of the nation South Carolina's mileage death rate (MDR), or the number of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, is consistently significantly higher than that of the nation. In 2021, the national MDR was 1.37 compared to South Carolina's MDR of 2.08. The state's alcohol-impaired driving fatality rate is also consistently higher than that of the nation; South Carolina's 2021 alcohol-impaired driving MDR was 0.70 compared to 0.43 for the nation. It is clear that large -scale efforts are needed to address the behaviors of speeding and driving under the influence that continue to contribute to the state's high fatality rates.

Traffic enforcement plays a crucial role in deterring impaired driving, encouraging compliance with speed laws, and reducing other unsafe driving behaviors. Thus, enhanced law enforcement presence and enforcement activity is needed throughout the state, particularly during periods of time in which marked increases in collisions and fatalities occur: Christmas/New Year's, Memorial Day Weekend, Labor Day and during the summer. Providing resources to enhance law enforcement agencies' capabilities to increase enforcement efforts are essential, thus, our agency seeks funding support for activity hours to conduct proactive traffic enforcement efforts (checkpoints, saturation/directed patrols) during the Law Enforcement Challenge period, to include specialized enforcement activities during the four major mobilization periods: Christmas/New Year's Sober or Slammer!, Buckle Up, South Carolina, Operation Southern Slow Down, and Labor Day Sober or Slammer!

PROGRAM GOAL(S): Describe the broad, long-term goals of the program and indicate the change(s) or outcome(s) anticipated.

1. To increase motorists' compliance with South Carolina's traffic laws.

IMPACT INDICATOR(S): State how accomplishments of the program goal(s) listed above will be measured.

1. Proactive enforcement activity data and crash statistics relating to the subgrantee's jurisdiction and other areas where the subgrantee has conducted enforcement activities (e.g. with Judicial Circuit following LEN meetings) will be analyzed to determine whether a decrease in high-risk traffic behavior has been observed during the grant period.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE(S): Objectives are quantifiable statements of the activities/tasks that will be implemented to fulfill project goals. They must be stated in measurable terms for the specific time periods.

1. To plan and conduct proactive traffic enforcement efforts (checkpoints, saturation/directed patrols) during the Law Enforcement Challenge period, to include specialized enforcement activities during the four major mobilization periods: Christmas/New Year's Sober or

Slammer! (SOS!), Buckle Up, South Carolina (BUSC), Operation Southern Slow Down, and Labor Day SOS!

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR(S): State exactly how each objective will be measured. Performance indicators must be matched to each program objective listed above.

1. Mobilization enforcement reports, and OHSJP Law Enforcement Challenge Grant reporting forms will be maintained in the grant file. The LEN Challenge Grant reporting forms will include Statistics on the number of patrols conducted (date, location, time of day and # of officers involved), # of stops made by each officer with warnings and citations issued identified by the offense. Citation summary reports from Report Beam, SCUTTIES, LawTrax or other agency RMS will be submitted as supporting documentation for the Law Enforcement Target Zero Challenge Grant reporting form.

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Provide a comprehensive step-by-step description of the project, indicating the tasks and activities to be employed to address the outlined in the Problem Statement. Detail what will be accomplished, how activities will be implemented, and who will perform the tasks. Each specific objective should be addressed, including an explanation of how it will be achieved.

Our agency will complete and submit a signed Law Enforcement Challenge Participation statement, which will be submitted along with the award acceptance documents, and the agency will serve as an active member of its local LEN. The officers assigned to the grant will actively participate in special traffic enforcement efforts, to include participating in the implementation of traffic safety checkpoints and saturation efforts, working with other LEN members, and concentrating enforcement activities where collisions and/or specific types of violations are occurring.

Officers assigned to the project will conduct specialized enforcement activity in support of the Law Enforcement Challenge of the SC Department of Public Safety based on the schedule outlined by the Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs. This will include additional enforcement activity during two DUI mobilization crackdowns, Sober or Slammer!, during the Christmas/New Year's holidays of 2024-2025 and during the days leading up to and including the Labor Day holiday of 2025. The officer(s) will also fully participate in enforcement activities associated with the state's occupant protection enforcement crackdown, Buckle Up, South Carolina, leading up to and including Memorial Day 2025, and Operation Southern Slow Down during the summer of 2025. Additional enforcement activities may also be observed throughout the campaign period. These additional activities may include joint enforcement efforts at the conclusion of LEN meetings or other proactive enforcement efforts scheduled as a result of citizens' complaints, jurisdiction-specific events/activities (festivals, sporting events, etc.) or in-response to increases in collisions/fatalities throughout the grant period.

PROJECT EVALUATION: The purpose of evaluating a project is to assess how well it has been implemented in your jurisdiction and to assess the extent to which the activities funded have achieved the project's goals. In this section, describe the plan or process for assessing the impact on the highway safety problem(s) in your jurisdiction. The completed evaluation report should be included in the Final Narrative Report submitted for the project.

The project will be evaluated by determining the degree that the goals and objectives of the grant were met. Statistical information will be compared to the year prior, and the objectives will be evaluated to determine if they were met and to what degree. The Project Director will evaluate the project periodically throughout the grant period to determine any shortfalls or obstacles. Strategies will be updated to ensure the goals and objectives will be met.

PROJECT CONTINUATION: Explain how the project activity will be continued after federal funding assistance is no longer available.

Increased traffic enforcement operations as a result of this project, are essential to reduce the

occurrence of traffic collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our jurisdiction. The Chief/Sheriff will work with city/county authorities to promote the grant activity and thus garner continuation support for the project.

MEDIA PLAN: Discuss your plans for announcing the award of this grant to your community through media outlets available to you. Also, please discuss how you plan to keep the public informed of grant activities throughout the entire project period.

Upon notification of the grant award, the agency will send out a press release announcing the DPS Highway Safety Award and the benefits it will bring to the city. Media outlets will be notified and kept abreast of grant activity throughout the grant period.

Program Narrative - Counts

TOTAL PROJECT AREA POPULATION: Provide the most current population figures for the area served by this project. The population of the project area may be larger than the population of the recipient unit of government (e.g. the project is a multi-jurisdictional effort) or smaller (e.g. the project targets a specific segment of the jurisdiction). Cite the source of the information presented.

**Total Population for
county(ies) or City/Town:** 3000

**Cite source of
information:** US Census Bureau

AGENCY INFORMATION: (For Law Enforcement Agencies ONLY) Provide agency staff information, as well as the current level of enforcement activity for the entire department for the three previous calendar years.

**# of sworn officers
in agency:** 12

**# of non-sworn staff
in agency:** 1

**Total # of
personnel in agency:** 13

NUMBER BY CALENDAR YEAR

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	CY: 2021	CY: 2022	CY: 2023
DUI Arrests	15	17	21
Speeding (All Cases)	150	250	350
Safety Belt Violations	10	25	20
Child Restraint Violations	0	3	1
All Other Traffic Violations	789	685	872
Traffic Crashes Investigated	255	575	454
Check Points Conducted	12	16	12

Implementation Schedule

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The Implementation Schedule is intended to give our office a proposed list of activities planned, when they are to be implemented, and the person responsible. Exact dates are not necessary in the "Implementation Proposed Time Frame" section. The "Implementation Actual Time Frame" section will be used to reflect the actual activities, dates, etc. when submitting your Progress Report after the grant is approved.

Implementation Tasks	Person Responsible	Implementation Proposed (Proposed Quarters)				Implementation Actual Time Frame (Actual Dates)				Date
		1 Qtr	2 Qtr	3 Qtr	4 Qtr	1 Qtr	2 Qtr	3 Qtr	4 Qtr	
Assign officers to grant	Project Director/Patrol Captain/Traffic Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
plan and conduct proactive traffic enforcement efforts (checkpoints, saturation/directed patrols) during the Challenge period	Assigned Officers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Participate in LEN-sponsored enforcement activities following network meetings	Assigned Officers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conduct enforcement activity for Christmas/New Year's SOS!	Assigned Officers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conduct enforcement activity for Buckle Up, South Carolina	Assigned Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conduct enforcement activity for Operation Southern Slow Down	Assigned Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conduct enforcement activity for Labor Day SOS!	Assigned Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Submit required reports	Project Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	