

## **LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **OFFICE OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY**

#### **Notice of Grant Fund Availability**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Office of Highway Traffic Safety hereby announces the availability of the following federal grant funds for federal fiscal year 2021, October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

**Name of the Grant Program:** State and Community Highway Safety Grant Project:  
“U.S. Highway Safety Act of 1966,” 23 U.S.C. 402.

**Purpose:** The Act requires each state to establish a highway traffic safety program approved by the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, designed to reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting from traffic crashes. The Governor is responsible for the administration of the State’s Highway Traffic Safety Program through the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety, in the Department of Law and Public Safety, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:5F-19 et seq. The Office of Highway Traffic Safety prepares a Highway Safety Plan which identifies the State’s traffic safety problems and describes the programs and projects to address those problems, and coordinates the funding for State and local projects. Activities under the program are centered predominantly on efforts to control impaired driving; increase seat belt usage rates; promote the proper use of child passenger restraint systems; increase traffic law enforcement with an emphasis on speed/aggressive and distracted driving; improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, motorcyclists, teens and older drivers; provide additional

training of state and local personnel; and improve the collection and analysis of traffic crash data.

A copy of the State Highway Safety Plan is available by writing to the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety, PO Box 048, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 or by telephoning the office at (609) 633-9300. The Plan can also be found via the internet at [www.njsaferoads.com](http://www.njsaferoads.com).

**Amount of Money in the Program:** Approximately \$15,000,000 is anticipated to be available on a statewide basis during federal fiscal year 2021 to implement the State Highway Safety Plan and fund related projects by State agencies, political subdivisions and nonprofit organizations. Federal and State law requires that 40 percent of the amount awarded by the federal government be expended by or for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State. The Office of Highway Traffic Safety reserves the right to decline any applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested.

**Eligible Entities:** State agencies and political subdivisions, including counties, municipalities, townships, districts and special districts, and nonprofit organizations.

**Qualifications:** Submission of a proposed highway traffic safety project which identifies a statewide or local highway traffic safety problem, supporting statistics, causes, a strategy to solve problems, countermeasures, performance objectives, measurement standards, and a schedule of activities and goals. Projects should address federal priority areas: Alcohol and Other Drug Countermeasures, Police Traffic Services, Traffic

Records, Motorcycle Safety, Speed Control, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Roadway Safety, Occupant Protection, and Emergency Medical Services.

**Procedure:** Applications are available and accepted through the grant management System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE). Information on SAGE can be found on the internet at [www.njsaferoads.com](http://www.njsaferoads.com).

**Deadline:** Grant applications for the federal fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020 will be accepted until April 30, 2020. The Office of Highway Traffic Safety anticipates that decisions on submitted applications will be rendered by August 31, 2020 and are subject to availability and final award of funding by the federal government.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Office of Highway Traffic Safety of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue to such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Office of Highway Traffic Safety to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Office of Highway Traffic Safety or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Office of Highway Traffic Safety beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant

agreement be construed as a commitment by the Office of Highway Traffic Safety to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.



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