

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE

FY14 Request for Proposals

Application Due Date:

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
3:00 p.m.

OVERVIEW OF MAP-21

The funds for this program are being made available through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The MAP-21 Act is the surface transportation bill that authorizes the federal surface transportation programs including highway safety programs. MAP 21 replaces SAFETEA-LU and was signed by the President in July 2012.

While the basic funding mechanisms have not changed under MAP-21, the ability to qualify for funding has become much more stringent. Applications must be able to identify a highway safety issue supported by data, establish baseline measures and detail how the project will impact one or more the core performance measures. Nearly half of the application scoring criteria will be based on problem identification and the ability to impact core performance measures.

PURPOSE

Funds are awarded to agencies, organizations, and tribal governments within the State of Colorado that provide programs, projects, services, and strategies that are intended to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes on Colorado roads.

The proposed projects must impact **at least one** of the following core performance measures:

- C-1) Reduce the # of traffic fatalities
 - C-2) Reduce the # of serious injuries in traffic crashes
 - C-3) Reduce the # of fatalities per Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - C-4) Reduce the # of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities, all seat positions
 - C-5) Reduce the # of fatalities in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 and above
 - C-6) Reduce the # of speeding-related fatalities
 - C-7) Reduce the # of motorcyclist fatalities
 - C-8) Reduce the # of unhelmeted motorcyclist fatalities
 - C-9) Reduce the # of drivers age 20 or younger involved in fatal crashes
 - C-10) Reduce the # of pedestrian fatalities
- B-1) Increase the observed seat belt use for passenger vehicles

AMOUNT AVAILABLE & OTHER BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

- Projected total funds available - \$3.5 million, award amounts typically range from \$10,000 - \$250,000. *
- Funds are available for contracts beginning on or after October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.
- Match must equal 25% of the total project cost.
- CDOT funds grants on a “cost reimbursement” basis only. CDOT will not make payments in advance or in anticipation of goods or services. These funds cannot be used to supplant (replace) dollars that would, in the absence of these federal funds, be made available for the proposed project; however, they may enhance or expand an existing program funded from other sources.

* Mini-grant funding may be more appropriate than project funding if the requested amount is less than \$5,000. Mini-grants are available throughout the year and are for special or one-time projects. They may not be used as an “on-going” funding source. DO NOT request mini-grants through this grant Application process. Information about mini-grants is available at:

<http://www.coloradodot.info/business/grants/safetygrants/safety-minigrants>.

ELIGIBILITY

- Colorado state agencies
- Federally recognized tribal governments
- Cities, counties and their sub-agencies
- For Profit entities
- Non-profit entities with existing IRS 501 (c) (3) status

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applications will be reviewed against identified statewide problem areas as detailed in the Colorado Problem Identification FY13 report and as supported by local, relevant data. The application must clearly define how the proposed project or activities will have an impact on at least one of the 11 Core Performance Measures listed above. Applications will be scored against the criteria on the Score Sheet that you may view on the website listed below. The Problem Identification Report, County level specific data, statistics and other resources are also available on this website under the Quick Links section – Safety Data Sources and Information on the website below.

RECONSIDERATION PROCESS

A large number of applications are anticipated and scoring criteria will be strictly adhered to, all requests may not be funded. Specific reasons for denial of funding will be sent to applicants by May 20, 2013.

If you wish to submit a request for reconsideration of a funding denial, you must do so in writing to the Office of Transportation Safety. Reconsideration requests must be received in the Office of Transportation Safety by May 29, 2013. Written requests must include the application number and a statement of the reasons for the protest. Send reconsideration requests to: Colorado Dept. of Transportation, Attn: Director, Office of Transportation Safety, 4201 E. Arkansas Ave., Third Floor, Denver, CO 80222; or fax to (303) 757-9465. Reconsideration decisions of the Director of the Office of Transportation Safety will be final and will be sent to those requesting reconsideration by June 5.

FUNDING SCHEDULE

Application Due: April 10 by 3:00 p.m.
Application Evaluation: By May 9
Notification of Funding Decisions: By May 20
Reconsideration Requests Due: By May 29
Final Reconsideration Decisions: By June 5
Project Start Date: Effective contract date

To download the OTS Application and view data sources and other information, please go to:
<http://www.coloradodot.info/business/grants/safetygrants>.

For questions please email Toni Vedovati at Toni.Vedovati@state.co.us

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Submit application electronically, in Word format, via e-mail to Toni.Vedovati@state.co.us and mail or deliver two signed hardcopies to the address listed on the application. The hardcopy applications **MUST** contain a signature, the electronic version does not require signatures.

Required Terms and Conditions

Proprietary information: All Applications and accompanying documentation become the property of CDOT and will not be returned.

Public disclosure: All Applications shall remain confidential until the project agreement, if any, is signed by the grant Application coordinator and the applicant. After both parties have signed, the Applications are public records as defined in RCW 42.17.250 et seq., "Public Records Act." Any information in the Application that the applicant claims as proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act must be clearly designated. The specific exemption must be identified and each paragraph must be clearly identified by the word "Confidential" printed below the paragraph. The entire Application cannot be marked as exempt from disclosure.

Nondiscrimination: All federal and state nondiscrimination laws, regulations, and policies must be followed during the performance of the project agreement.

Notice of debarment: Those submitting grant Applications must notify CDOT if they are presently debarred, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by any federal or state department or agency. Failure to notify CDOT of debarment, ineligibility or exclusion will result in immediate cancellation of the project agreement and any grant monies received must be returned to CDOT.

Right of inspection: Grantees shall provide right of access to its facilities to CDOT or to any other authorized agent or official of the state of Colorado or the federal government at all reasonable times in order to monitor and evaluate performance.

Responsiveness: All Applications will be reviewed by CDOT to determine compliance with administrative requirements. Failure to comply with the instructions in the grant Application could result in rejection of the Application. CDOT reserves the right, however, to waive minor administrative irregularities.

Application costs: CDOT is not liable for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting an Application in response to this grant notice. Further, costs associated with Application preparation and/or postage may not be considered as "matching funds" for the purposes of a grant Application.

Insurance coverage (applicable to non-governmental entities only): The State of Colorado requires specific insurance coverage(s) for non-profit organizations contracting with the state. Please request a copy of those requirements, if applicable.