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THSO Program Grant Descriptions

Impaired Driving Enforcement

This program grant provides funding to prevent motorists from driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. Grant funds may be used by law enforcement agencies to remove impaired drivers from the road through highly visible and proactive traffic enforcement, with visibility elements and publicity that educates the public about the dangers of unsafe driving behaviors. The increased enforcement addressing those behaviors promotes voluntary compliance with the law.

At least half of the total awarded funding must be allocated for overtime enforcement conducted by officers trained and certified in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (required), ARIDE (recommended), and Drug Recognition Expert (recommended). Law enforcement agencies may utilize up to twenty percent (20%) of the total allocated personnel budget for community engagement activities. Reach out to your assigned program manager for more information.

Grant funds may also be allocated to purchase supplies and equipment for use in conducting impaired driving enforcement. Equipment costing \$5,000 or more per item is considered a capital purchase and must be approved by the THSO and NHTSA.

Impaired Driving Education

This program grant provides funding for educational programs aimed at preventing high-risk groups from driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. Examples include: A Comprehensive Alcohol Risk ReDuction (CARD) program that combines Cops in Shops and Party Patrol projects aimed at preventing underage drinking, peer-to-peer mentoring, and similar community-based programs to increase awareness of the Zero Tolerance Law.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

This program grant provides funding for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement operations and educational events to make roads safer. Funding may be used for outreach and education programs conducted in schools and other community-based settings to increase safety awareness and help all roadway users understand their responsibilities.

Child Passenger Safety & Occupant Protection

This program grant funds projects designed to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries by increasing the use of seat belts and child safety seats. Funding may be used for seat belt education programs conducted in schools and other community-based settings. Examples include seatbelt and child safety seat check events, fitting stations, technician training, distribution of child safety seats, and bi-lingual educational materials to underserved communities.

Community Traffic Safety Programs

This program grant funds traffic safety education and outreach materials to encourage the public to make good choices whether they are driving or riding in a motor vehicle, bicycling, or walking. These materials are distributed during local traffic safety programs, sobriety checkpoints, child safety seat checks, and at school and business-sponsored events. This grant program also provides funding for the maintenance of a comprehensive website used to collect and disseminate traffic safety information and educational materials.

Distracted Driving

This program grant is used to educate the public about Tennessee's Hands Free Law and the dangers of other distracted driving activities (eating, drinking, grooming, reading, using a mobile phone, or other electronic device) while driving. Law enforcement agencies, schools, and other community-based organizations are eligible for funding.

DUI Prosecution

This program grant funds DUI prosecutor activity and DUI coordinators who ensure the timely and accurate disposition of DUI cases in their respective district. The Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) program supports DUI coordinators who perform legal research; provide information and consultation on impaired driving issues and policies to law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, legislators, and the public, and deliver education and training through an annual statewide impaired driving conference and other events.

Emergency Medical Services

This program grant funds effective first responder training and/or extrication training to treat crash victims within the "Golden Hour." Funds may be used for training costs and equipment needs. This grant can make the difference in the prevention of fatalities on Tennessee roadways by increasing motor vehicle crash survivability and injury outcomes by advancing the availability, timeliness, and quality of treatment. Grants are provided to EMS agencies serving rural counties and that rank in the top Tennessee counties for overall crashes.

Motorcycle Safety

This program grant is used by law enforcement agencies and community-based programs to support motorcycle safety enforcement and education. Outreach projects focus on increasing awareness and understanding of safe driving skills for motorcyclists and drivers of other vehicle types while sharing Tennessee roadways.

Older Driver Safety

This program grant is used by law enforcement agencies and community-based agencies to increase older driver safety awareness and training. Older drivers represent almost one in every five drivers with their growth outpacing their teenaged counterparts. Funding may be used for research, education, and outreach related to increasing safety awareness for this vulnerable population. This includes Car-Fit events and training for technicians and event coordinators.

Police Traffic Services (PT); Multiple Violations

This program grant is used by law enforcement agencies to conduct sustained, highly visible, and proactive traffic enforcement addressing impaired driving, distracted driving, occupant protection, older drivers, teen drivers, bicycle and pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, and speeding (including in work zones).

At least half of the total awarded funding must be allocated for overtime enforcement conducted by officers trained and certified in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (required), ARIDE (suggested), Drug Recognition Expert (suggested), and Radar/LIDAR (required). Law enforcement agencies may utilize up to twenty percent (20%) of the total allocated personnel budget for community engagement activities. Reach out to your assigned Program Manager for more information.

Grant funds may also be allocated to purchase supplies and equipment for use in conducting traffic enforcement. Equipment costing \$5,000 or more per item is considered a capital purchase and must be approved by the THSO and NHTSA.

Teen Driver Safety Education

This program grant is used to fund programs to increase teen driver safety awareness and promote good decision-making through education and outreach conducted by traffic safety professionals, law enforcement, court personnel, victim advocates, and teen peer leaders through an organized peer-to-peer program. Funding may also be used for traffic safety education events and activities, training-related equipment, and public information and educational materials.

Traffic Records

This program grant is used to implement effective projects that improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and accessibility of the data that is used by state and local agencies and their partners to identify and address traffic safety issues in Tennessee. Awards are limited to data improvement projects implemented by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security and other state government agencies.

Project Title: Community Traffic Safety Enforcement and Education

Project Type: Police Traffic Services (Multiple Violations)

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Claim and Reporting Frequency: * Quarterly

Problem Statement

Instructions:

- Please fill in the appropriate fields and click the **Save** button
- Problem statements must be supported by a minimum of three years of relevant local or state crash data
- When done, go to Project Goals
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk *

In 2023, 1,333 people were killed and 66,931 were injured in traffic crashes on Tennessee roadways. Impaired drivers were a factor in 21.7 percent of fatalities, followed by speeding at 16.5 percent, and distraction at 6.6 percent. Of fatally injured motor vehicle occupants, 40.3 percent were not wearing a seat belt. Research confirms that drivers who are aggressive (disregard their safety and the safety of others on the road) are high-risk and more likely to drink and drive, speed, not buckle up, and engage in other dangerous behaviors.

To address unsafe motorist behavior, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) is providing grant funding for community-based efforts that employ highly visible and sustained enforcement coupled with public education to address impaired, distracted and aggressive driving; speeding (including work zone safety); improper occupant restraint; lack of helmet use; and other unsafe behaviors.

Included below is data for the three-year period of **January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023** for the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department

[Click here for THSO Grantee Crash Performance Measures \(tn.gov\)](#)

Number of total crashes:	64,611 *
Number of total fatalities:	340 *
Number of impaired driving crashes:	2,681 *
Number of speeding crashes:	2,936 *
Number of distracted driving crashes:	3,219 *
Number of unbelted crashes:	1,016 *

Project Goals

Instructions:

- Please fill in the appropriate fields and click the **Save** button
- Goals are based on data from the most recent calendar year
- When done, go to Selected Countermeasures
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk *

Enter your target goals for the year by using baseline data from 2023.

[Click here for THSO Grantee Crash Performance Measures \(TITAN Dashboard\)](#)

To reduce the number of total **crashes** by 2025:

from *

to *

by 0.41%

To reduce the number of total **fatalities** by 2025:

from *

to *

by 5.80%

Additional goals (check all that apply):

To reduce **impaired driving** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **speed related** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **unbelted occupant** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **distracted driving** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **motorcycle** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **motorcycle** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **teen driver** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **older driver** crashes by 2025:

from

to

To reduce **bicycle/pedestrian** (non-motorist) crashes by 2025:

from

to

Additional Goals:

To reduce the number of crashes involving a "move over" violation by 2025.
From 33 in 2023 to 27 in 2025.

Selected Countermeasures

Instructions:

- Please fill in the appropriate fields and click the **Save** button
- When done, go to **Resources**
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk *

Traffic enforcement will be conducted at “hot spot” locations identified through analysis of crash, citation, crime, and other data. This is a proven traffic safety approach designed to create deterrence and change unlawful behavior. It combines highly visible and proactive traffic enforcement, with visibility elements and publicity that educates the public about the dangers of unsafe driving behaviors. The increased enforcement addressing those behaviors promote voluntary compliance with the law.

Roadways with high traffic volumes will be targeted to ensure that the motoring public not only notice law enforcement, but also sees agencies making traffic stops. Enforcement will also be conducted in support of the NHTSA seat belt and impaired driving campaigns during the Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day and Christmas/New Year’s Day holiday periods.

One or more of the following highly visible and proven enforcement tactics will be conducted on a sustained basis for this project:

- Saturation Patrols
- Checkpoints
- Multi-jurisdictional/Network

Other

The following visibility elements will be used during this project:

- Road signs (electronic message boards, banners, yard road signs)

Marked patrol vehicles (includes magnetic HVE signs or window clings)

High visibility reflective vests

Handouts (flyers, brochures, etc.)

Other

The following public outreach tactics highlighting the danger of unsafe driving behaviors and increased enforcement to address those behaviors will be conducted in support of this project:

Press releases (includes results of the enforcement)

Press events

Public Service Announcements/Ads (includes radio, TV, newspapers)

Newsletters

Community presentations

Social media messaging

Other

The following community/county-based agencies, organizations and/or businesses will help disseminate traffic safety information in support of this project (e.g., Smith Manufacturing will host a quarterly lunch and learn and distribute paycheck stuffers to educate employees about seat belt use and distracted driving):

Resources

Instructions:

- Please fill in the appropriate fields and click the **Save** button
- When done, go to Task Schedule
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Grant funding will be allocated for enforcement on an overtime or part-time basis conducted by officers trained and certified in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (required), ARIDE (suggested), Drug Recognition Expert (suggested), and Radar/LIDAR (required).

Grant funds may also be allocated to purchase the following supplies and equipment (described below) for use in conducting traffic enforcement (equipment costing \$5,000 or more must be approved by the THSO and NHTSA). Include these items in the budget section.

Visit [TN Traffic Safety](#) for forms and resources, including allowable equipment and supplies.

Additional Resources

Radar, Lidar
Digital messaging board

Task Schedule

Instructions:

- Please fill in the appropriate fields and click the **Save** button
- Identify by month or quarter all tasks that will be performed to achieve your goals.
- When done, go to Evaluation
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk *

First Quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec) due February 1:

Tasks

1. Conduct monthly grant enforcement initiative(s) addressing (safety problems).
2. Conduct monthly public outreach and education addressing (safety problems).
3. Collect and analyze enforcement and public outreach activity data and crash data.
4. Conduct enforcement in support of the NHTSA holiday impaired driving mobilization.
5. Submit enforcement data via www.TNtrafficsafety.org no later than two weeks following NHTSA holiday mobilization.
6. Participate in at least one THSO Network meeting during this quarter.

Additional tasks:

Second Quarter (Jan, Feb, Mar) due May 1:

Tasks

1. Conduct monthly grant enforcement initiative(s) addressing (safety problems).
2. Conduct monthly public outreach and education addressing (safety problems).
3. Collect and analyze enforcement and public outreach activity data and crash data.
4. Continue enforcement in support of the NHTSA impaired mobilization.
5. Submit enforcement data via www.TNtrafficsafety.org no later than two weeks following the NHTSA mobilization.
6. Participate in at least one THSO Network meeting during this quarter.

Additional tasks:

Third Quarter (Apr, May, Jun) due August 1:

Tasks

1. Conduct monthly grant enforcement initiative(s) addressing (safety problems).
2. Conduct monthly public outreach and education addressing (safety problems).
3. Collect and analyze enforcement and public outreach activity data and crash data.
4. Conduct enforcement in support of the NHTSA Click It or Ticket mobilization.
5. Submit enforcement data via www.TNtrafficsafety.org no later than two weeks following NHTSA Click It or Ticket mobilization.
6. Participate in at least one THSO Network meeting during this quarter.

Additional tasks: