



February 3, 2009

GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Motor Vehicles' Virginia Highway Safety Office is now accepting applications for transportation safety grant funding for the period beginning October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Applications for grant funds must be submitted electronically via www.dmv.virginia.gov. To receive the necessary Logon ID and Password to access the online application, applicants will need to contact the project monitor assigned to their area, and attend a training session in the appropriate Highway Safety Office region during February. Localities that have specific questions relative to the submission of Highway Safety Grant Applications should contact the project monitor. For a list of the project monitors and areas served, link to <http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/safety/resources/contacts.pdf>.

Applications submitted must support Virginia's primary transportation safety goal of reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes. Supporting goals of the applications must focus on improving transportation safety relating to Occupant Protection, Impaired Driving, Speed, Motorcycle Safety and Traffic Records. Strategies and objectives will include countermeasures to address the following goals:

- Increase seat belt usage;
- Reduce the number of alcohol/drug-related crashes, injuries and fatalities;
- Decrease speed-related crashes;
- Increase motorcycle safety by reducing the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities; and
- Improve the collection and accessibility of traffic records data.

Other countermeasures relating to Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Roadway Safety and Community Transportation Safety Programs will be considered.

The following types of projects and countermeasures will receive priority and emphasis:

- Projects that identify and respond to problems of High Emphasis Communities as identified in the Highway Safety Plan;
- Innovative projects with potential statewide application to other Virginia localities and jurisdictions;
- Projects that creatively incorporate "alcohol awareness and occupant protection safety aspects regardless of the primary focus of the project";
- Projects demonstrating public/private partnerships where funds are leveraged with private resources to accomplish goals;
- Projects for selective, multi-jurisdictional enforcement activities such as Click It or Ticket; and
- Projects that increase Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Roadway Safety and Community Transportation Safety Programs.

To obtain complete information for the submission of Highway Safety Grant Applications, click on this link:

<http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/safety/index.asp>

Applicants must submit their application no later than 5:00 on **March 31, 2009**. Applicants selected for the program participate on a cost reimbursement basis.