



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Transportation Safety

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The Division of Traffic Safety (DTS) is currently planning for the fiscal year 2018 (FY 2018) Illinois Highway Safety Program which runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries associated with traffic crashes by implementing appropriate traffic safety countermeasures. We encourage your agency to participate and invite you to submit proposals for consideration for the federally-funded highway safety programs.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has identified eight emphasis areas that offer the greatest opportunity for reducing highway deaths and injuries. They include:

- Impaired Driving Countermeasures
- Occupant Protection
- Speed Control
- Police Traffic Services
- Emergency Medical Services
- Traffic Records
- Motorcycle Safety
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the federal highway safety bill was signed into law on July 6, 2012. This authorization will allow more flexibility for highway safety programs statewide. Illinois will also receive funds for other federal highway safety grant programs under MAP-21. The MAP-21 funds will be regulated by Section 402 guidelines.

Each proposal must include a problem identification section which substantiates the need for the project and ties it to one or more of the DTS performance goals. **Each FY 2018 project request must clearly identify which performance goal it is addressing and how the project will contribute to the achievement of that performance goal.** Only requests that demonstrate a significant contribution towards the attainment of one or more performance goals will be considered for approval. If applicable, please address any anticipated needs for subsequent year funding (beyond FY 2018).

The 2014 Illinois Crash Facts & Statistics booklet may assist you in the problem identification process and is available on-line at <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Transportation-System/Resources/Safety/Crash-Reports/crash-facts/2014%20CF.pdf>

Because the Highway Safety Program is supported with federal funds, all state and federal regulations governing grants are applicable. Particular attention should be given to the requirements of the Hatch Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Minority Business Enterprise requirements as defined in 49 CFR part 23, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988. Certain assurances of compliance will be required from Highway Safety Program participants.

Please designate a representative from your agency through which your proposal(s) will be coordinated. FY 2018 state agency project applications are available on the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety website. Visit www.trafficsafetygrantsillinois.org to review DTS Grant information and download the TS 13 form, performance measures and instructions. DTS must receive your proposal(s) **no later than March 11, 2016**. You must download the application form and e-mail your proposal(s) to the following address: www.trafficsafetygrantsillinois.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Steve Esslinger at 217/785-1582.