

STEP Impaired Driving Mitigation (IDM) Grant Funding Opportunity

Attention: Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

TxDOT is currently offering **Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office \$18,000** for FY 2016 STEP IDM Funding. This funding amount is negotiable until deadline provided below. Please respond to Ruby Martinez, Traffic Safety Specialist at Ruby.Martinez@txdot.gov with the following information by deadline.

Deadline to respond: Friday, June 5, 2015 or sooner is appreciated

Based on your agency's decision: Please respond with the following information

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Accepts STEP IDM Funding

Our agency accepts \$18,000 and/or we'd like to negotiate additional /less funding. Here is the Hidalgo County S.O. Contact Information that will be your primary contact:

Contact Information

- Name, Title
- Department
- Phone Number
- Cell Number
- E-mail address

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Declines STEP IDM Funding

Our agency declines this funding opportunity for the following reason(s):

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- Insufficient Manpower
- Fleet issues
- Lack of support from....
- Inadequate Training Resources
- Agency has no interest in Highway Safety Funding
- Other

Please Respond Soon As Possible

The Texas Traffic Safety Program Funding availability and funding opportunities for law enforcement agencies within Rio Grande Valley get affected when agencies delay the funding process.

Fiscal Year 2016

Grant Agreement effective dates: October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016
(Grant Agreement becomes fully executed when agreement is signed by both parties)
FY 2016 STEP IDM Enforcement to begin December 18, 2015

STEP Incentive Grant Awards

To encourage greater levels of participation from law enforcement agencies across the state in the Labor Day Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) campaign and the Memorial Day CIOT mobilization, TxDOT offers a Labor Day IDM/Memorial Day CIOT Incentive Award Program. This program allows all participating agencies to become eligible for a random drawing for awards in the amount of \$4,000 to purchase traffic safety equipment and/or training.

To be eligible for the drawing, agencies are required to increase DWI enforcement, safety belt and child safety seat citations, conduct earned media activities and report their data in eGrants, usually about three weeks after the holiday. Only those agencies that volunteer to participate in the mobilization using their own funding (non-funded) and do not receive other traffic safety eligible grants are eligible for an incentive award.

The purchase and reimbursement process is handled through TxDOT's Traffic Safety Electronic Grant Management System (eGrants). TxDOT district Traffic Safety Specialists (TSSs) will notify the agencies that are selected and are authorized to make purchases. Purchases may only occur after the agency and TxDOT fully execute a letter of agreement within eGrants. If selected for an Incentive Grant Award, please see the Incentive Project Instructions located on the eGrants Help Page for grant procedures through the eGrants system.

TxDOT Traffic Safety Incentive Program Home Page

<http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps/IncentiveApp/Default.aspx>

Incentive Grant Registration Link

<http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps/IncentiveApp/ApplyIncentive.aspx>