

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT:

- A. Monitor the Subgrantee's compliance with the performance obligations and fiscal requirements of this Grant Agreement using appropriate and necessary monitoring and inspections, including but not limited to:
 - 1. review of periodic reports
 - 2. physical inspection of project records and supporting documentation
 - 3. telephone conversations
 - 4. e-mails and letters
 - 5. quarterly review meetings
 - 6. *eGrants*
- B. Provide program management and technical assistance.
- C. Attend appropriate meetings.
- D. Reimburse the Subgrantee for all eligible costs as defined in the project budget. Requests for Reimbursement will be processed up to the maximum amount payable as indicated in the project budget.
- E. Perform an administrative review of the project at the close of the grant period to:
 - 1. Ascertain whether or not the project objectives were met
 - 2. Review project accomplishments (performance measures completed, targets achieved)
 - 3. Account for any approved Program Income earned and expended
 - 4. Identify exemplary performance or best practices

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBGRANTEE:

- A. Carry out all performance measures established in the grant, including fulfilling the law enforcement objectives by implementing the Operational Plan contained in this Grant Agreement.
- B. Submit all required reports to the Department (TxDOT) fully completed with the most current information, and within the required times, as defined in **Article 3** and **Article 7** of the General Terms and Conditions of this Grant Agreement. This includes reporting to the Department on progress, achievements, and problems in monthly Performance Reports and attaching necessary source documentation to support all costs claimed in Requests for Reimbursement (RFR).
- C. Attend grant related training as requested by the Department
- D. Attend meetings according to the following:
 - 1. The Department will arrange for meetings with the Subgrantee to present status of activities and to discuss problems and the schedule for the following quarter's work.
 - 2. The project director or other appropriate qualified persons will be available to represent the Subgrantee at meetings requested by the Department.
- E. Support grant enforcement efforts with public information and education (PI&E) activities. Salaries being claimed for PI&E activities must be included in the budget.
- F. When applicable, all newly developed PI&E materials must be submitted to the Department for written approval, through the TxDOT Electronic Grants Management System (eGrants) system messaging, prior to final production. Refer to the Traffic Safety Program Manual regarding **PI&E procedures**.
- G. For out of state travel expenses to be reimbursable, the Subgrantee must have obtained the written approval of the Department, through eGrants system messaging, prior to the beginning of the trip. Grant approval does not satisfy this requirement. For Department district-managed grants, the Subgrantee must have obtained written Department district approval, through eGrants system messaging, for travel and related expenses if outside of the district boundaries.
- H. Maintain verification that all expenses, including wages or salaries, for which reimbursement is requested, is for work exclusively related to this project.
- I. Ensure that this grant will in no way supplant (replace) funds from other sources. Supplanting refers to the use of federal funds to support personnel or any activity already supported by local or state funds.
- J. Ensure that each officer working on the STEP project will complete an officer's daily activity report form. The form should include at a minimum: name, date, badge or identification number, type of grant worked, grant site number, mileage (including starting and ending mileage), hours worked, type of citation issued or arrest made, officer and supervisor signatures.

- K. All STEP agencies must provide the following provision in all daily activity report forms:
- “I understand that this information is being submitted to support a claim against a federally-funded grant program. False statements on this form may be prosecutable under 18 USC 1001. This information on this form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and ability.”
- The above language should be added to the activity reports immediately above the signature lines of the officer and supervisor.
- L. Ensure that no officer above the rank of Lieutenant (or equivalent title) will be reimbursed for enforcement duty unless the Subgrantee received specific written authorization from the Department, through eGrants system messaging, prior to incurring costs.
- M. Subgrantee may work additional STEP enforcement hours on holidays or special events not covered under the Operational Plan. However, additional work must be approved in writing by the Department, through eGrants system messaging, prior to enforcement. Additional hours must be reported in the Performance Report for the time period for which the additional hours were worked.
- N. If an officer makes a STEP-related arrest during the shift, but does not complete the arrest before the shift is scheduled to end, the officer can continue working under the grant to complete that arrest.
- O. Subgrantees with a traffic unit will utilize traffic personnel for this grant, unless such personnel are unavailable for assignment.
- P. Prior to conducting speed enforcement, the Subgrantee must select and survey enforcement sites that comply with existing state mandated speed limits in accordance with the Texas Transportation Code, Sections 545.352 through 545.356.
- Q. Officers assigned to speed sites should be trained in the use of radar or laser speed measurement devices.
- R. The Subgrantee should have a safety belt use policy. If the Subgrantee does not have a safety belt use policy in place, a policy should be implemented, and a copy maintained for verification during the grant year.
- S. Officers working DWI enforcement must be trained in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/International Association of Chiefs of Police Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST). In the case of a first year subgrantee, the officers must be trained, or scheduled to be SFST trained, by the end of the grant year. For second or subsequent year grants, all officers working DWI enforcement must be SFST trained.
- T. The Subgrantee should have a procedure in place for contacting and using drug recognition experts (DREs) when necessary.
- U. The Subgrantee is encouraged to use the DWI On-line Reporting System available through the Buckle Up Texas Web site at www.buckleuptexas.com.