

# **Texas Traffic Safety eGrants**

## **Fiscal Year 2023**

**Organization Name:** Williamson County Sheriff's Office

**Legal Name:** County of Williamson

**Payee Identification Number:** 17460009784052

**Project Title:** STEP Comprehensive

**ID:** 2023-WilliamsonCo-S-1YG-00019

**Period:** 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2023

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**TEXAS TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS

THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE BY and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the Department and the, **County of Williamson** hereinafter called the Subgrantee, and becomes effective then fully executed by both parties. For the purpose of this agreement, the Subgrantee is designated as a(n) **Local Government/Transit District**.

AUTHORITY: Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 723, the Traffic Safety Act of 1967, and the Highway Safety Performance Plan for the Fiscal Year 2022.

Name of the Federal Agency: **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

CFDA Number: **20.600**

CFDA Title: **State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program**

Funding Source: Section **402**

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) : **C4BDCBLYNND6**

FAIN:

**69A37523300004020TX0**

Project Title: **STEP Comprehensive**

This project is **Not Research and Development**

Grant Period: This Grant becomes effective on **10/01/2022** or on the date of final signature of both parties, whichever is later, and ends on **09/30/2023** unless terminated or otherwise modified.

Total Awarded: **\$62,386.50**

Amount Eligible for Reimbursement by the Department: **\$49,858.42**

Match Amount provided by the Subgrantee: **\$12,528.08**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Project Title:**STEP Comprehensive

Project Description:

**Program Elements**

When performing enforcement activities under this grant, officers should make the enforcement of the STEP elements listed below their top priority, although any traffic-related probable cause can be used to initiate a vehicle stop

1. DWI : Driving While Intoxicated
2. Speed: Speed Enforcement
3. OP: Occupant Protection (Safety Belt and Child Safety Seat)
4. ITC: Intersection Traffic Control
5. DD: Distracted Driving

**Holiday Periods**

Enforcement activities under this grant may be conducted on any day at any time of day the agency deems appropriate. However, subgrantee should make it a priority to conduct enforcement activities during state and federally determined holiday periods, which are:

1. Christmas/New Year's
2. Spring Break
3. Memorial Day
4. Independence Day
5. Labor Day

STEP Mobilization Calendar is available on [eGrantsHelp page](#)

X Agency agrees to enforce the above Program Elements and Holiday Periods as part of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

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**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 grant related activities.
  - 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. 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..
- G. Maintain verification that all expenses, including wages or salaries, for which reimbursement is requested, is for work exclusively related to this project.
- H. 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.

I. 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, Enforcement Zone identifier, mileage (including starting and ending mileage), hours worked, type of warning or citation issued or arrest made, officer and supervisor signatures.

J. 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.

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funded grant program. False statements on this form may be prosecutable under TC 36A 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.

K. 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.

L. 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.

M. 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.

N. 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.

O. The Subgrantee should have a procedure in place for contacting and using drug recognition experts (DREs) when necessary.

P. The Subgrantee is encouraged to use the DWI On-line Reporting System available through the Buckle Up Texas Web site at [www.buckleuptexas.com](http://www.buckleuptexas.com).

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**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

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**GOALS AND STRATEGIES**

- Goal:** To increase effective enforcement and adjudication of traffic safety-related laws to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.
- Strategies:** Increase and sustain high visibility enforcement of traffic safety-related laws.  
Increase public education and information campaigns regarding enforcement activities.
- Goal:** To reduce the number of alcohol impaired and driving under the influence of alcohol and other drug-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.
- Strategy:** Increase and sustain high visibility enforcement of DWI laws.
- Goal:** To increase occupant restraint use, including child-safety seats, in all passenger vehicles and trucks.
- Strategy:** Increase and sustain high visibility enforcement of occupant protection laws.
- Goal:** To reduce the number of speed-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.
- Strategy:** Increase and sustain high visibility enforcement of speed-related laws.
- Goal:** To reduce intersection-related motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities.
- Strategy:** Increase and sustain high visibility enforcement of Intersection Traffic Control (ITC) laws.
- Goal:** To reduce Distracted Driving motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities.
- Strategies:** Increase and sustain high visibility enforcement of state and local ordinances on cellular and texting devices.  
Increase public information and education on Distracted Driving related traffic issues.

I agree to the above goals and strategies.

Please mark all of your proposed zones on a single heat map and upload that map here. Click here to see an example. The maximum number of allowable zones for an agency is determined by dividing the total number of enforcement hours by 480 and rounding to the nearest whole number. [https://www.dot.state.tx.us/apps/egrants/\\_Upload/1094918\\_341467\\_2-EnforcementZoneCombined.pdf](https://www.dot.state.tx.us/apps/egrants/_Upload/1094918_341467_2-EnforcementZoneCombined.pdf)

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT OBJECTIVE/PERFORMANCE MEASURE**

<b>Objective/Performance Measure</b>	<b>Target Number</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Reduce the number of Alcohol-Involved (DWI/DUI) KA crashes toto	10	
Reduce the number of All OP-related (Seatbelt and Child Passenger Safety) KA crashes to	11	
Reduce the number of Speed-related KA crashes to	12	
Reduce the number of ITC-related KA crashes to	25	

**Note: Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal, that a peace officer issue a specified or predetermined number of citations in pursuance of the Subgrantee's obligations hereunder. Department and Subgrantee acknowledge that Texas Transportation Code Section 720.002 prohibits using traffic-offense quotas and agree that nothing in this Agreement is establishing an illegal quota.**

**In addition to the STEP enforcement activities, the subgrantee must maintain baseline non-STEP funded citation and arrest activity due to the prohibition of supplanting.**

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**PI&E OBJECTIVE/PERFORMANCE MEASURE**

XI agree to the below efforts with a public information and education (PI&E) program.

- a. Conduct a minimum of five (5) presentations
- b. Conduct a minimum of five (5) media exposures (e.g. news conferences, news releases, and interviews)
- c. Conduct a minimum of two (2) community events (e.g. health fairs, booths)