



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Traffic Safety

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The Division of Traffic Safety (DTS) is currently planning for the fiscal year 2013 (FY 2013) Illinois Highway Safety Program which begins July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 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 Section 402 and/or Section 410 programs.

In the Section 402 program, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has identified nine emphasis areas as those which 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
- Roadway Safety

These are not in priority order, only suggested emphasis areas. However DTS is interested in:

1. Impaired driving programs designed to reduce the total number of fatalities in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of 0.08 or higher.
2. Occupant protection programs designed to increase safety belt usage to 100 percent.
3. Motorcycle programs designed to reduce motorcycle fatalities on our roadways.

The Section 410 Alcohol Highway Safety Program provides funding for agencies to conduct innovative alcohol countermeasures in the following categories:

- High-Visibility Enforcement
- Prosecution and Adjudication Outreach
- BAC Testing
- High-Risk Drivers
- Alcohol Rehabilitation or DWI Court
- Underage Drinking Prevention
- Administrative License Suspension or Revocation System
- Self-Sustaining Impaired Driving Prevention

These categories address qualifying criteria which Illinois must continue to meet in order to qualify for further Section 410 funding.

Illinois may also receive funds from several other federal highway safety grant programs. However, if those funds become available, they will be regulated by Section 402 guidelines and therefore a separate project request is not needed. The DTS will determine which federal grant funds will be used to support each approved project proposal.

Each proposal must include a problem identification section which substantiates the need for the project and ties it to one or more of DTS's performance goals (enclosed). **Each FY 2013 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 those requests which 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 2013). The 2009 Illinois Crash Facts & Statistics booklet which may assist you in the problem identification process is available on-line at [www.DOT.IL.GOV/TRAFFICSAFETY/CRASHREPORTS.html](http://www.DOT.IL.GOV/TRAFFICSAFETY/CRASHREPORTS.html)

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. A project request form, instructions, a copy of the funding criteria and performance goals are enclosed for your use. Applications for state highway safety projects for FY 2013 are also available at [www.trafficsafetygrantsillinois.org](http://www.trafficsafetygrantsillinois.org) DTS must receive your proposal(s) no later than March 18, 2011. Please mail the proposal(s) to the following address:

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