

PUBLIC NOTICE

**LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**OFFICE OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**Notice of Grant Fund Availability**

**State and Community Highway Safety Grant Project**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Office of Highway Traffic Safety hereby announces the availability of the following Federal grant funds for Federal fiscal year 2017, October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2017.

**Name of the grant program:** State and Community Highway Safety Grant Project:

“U.S. Highway Safety Act of 1966,” 23 U.S.C. § 402.

**Purpose:** The Act requires each state to establish a highway traffic safety program approved by the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, designed to reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting from traffic crashes. The Governor is responsible for the administration of the State’s Highway Traffic Safety Program through the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety, in the Department of Law and Public Safety, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:5F-19 et seq. The Office of Highway Traffic Safety prepares a Highway Safety Plan which identifies the State’s traffic safety problems and describes the programs and projects to address those problems, and coordinates the funding for State and local projects. Activities under the program are centered predominantly on efforts to control impaired driving; increase seat belt usage

rates; promote the proper use of child passenger restraint systems; increase traffic law enforcement with an emphasis on speed/aggressive and distracted driving; improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, motorcyclists, teens, and older drivers; provide additional training of State and local personnel; and improve the collection and analysis of traffic crash data.

**Amount of money in the program:** Approximately \$14,000,000 is anticipated to be available on a Statewide basis during Federal fiscal year 2017 to implement the State Highway Safety Plan and fund related projects by State agencies, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations. Federal law requires that 40 percent of the amount awarded by the Federal government be expended by or for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State.

**Eligible entities:** State agencies and political subdivisions, including counties, municipalities, townships, districts and special districts, and nonprofit organizations.

**Qualifications:** Submission of a proposed highway traffic safety project that identifies a Statewide or local highway traffic safety problem, supporting statistics, causes, a strategy to solve problems, countermeasures, performance objectives, measurement standards, and a schedule of activities and goals. Projects should address Federal priority areas:

Alcohol and Other Drug Countermeasures, Police Traffic Services, Traffic Records, Motorcycle Safety, Speed Control, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Roadway Safety, Occupant Protection, and Emergency Medical Services.

**Procedure:** A copy of the State Highway Safety Plan is available by writing to the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety, PO Box 048, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 or by telephoning the office at (609) 633-9300. The Plan can also be found via the Internet at [www.njsaferoads.com](http://www.njsaferoads.com).

**Deadline:** Grant applications for the Federal fiscal year commencing October 1, 2016, will be accepted until April 30, 2016. Applications will only be accepted through the grant management system SAGE (System for Administering Grants Electronically). Information on SAGE can be found on the internet at [www.njsaferoads.com](http://www.njsaferoads.com). The office anticipates that decisions on submitted applications will be rendered by August 31, 2016, and are subject to availability and final award of funding by the Federal government.