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RE: FFY2022 VTrans Funding Opportunity Announcement

To All Highway Safety Advocates,

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is pleased to offer this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 (FFY 2022). This NOFO is made possible because of funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The NOFO will be presented in the same format as last year and the process for submission of responses also remains the same. If you are a new applicant or if you would like more information, please contact the program coordinator in the State Highway Safety Office (SHSO) associated with the program type you are interested in. Their contact information is in the attached Proposal Guide.

The SHSO has opened the application solicitation period in the Grant Electronic Application and Reporting System (GEARS) for two weeks. VTrans realizes that your organization and staff may have competing priorities with the COVID-19 response, and the SHSO is conscientious that your agency may need extra time completing the application in GEARS. The SHSO will review extensions to the application deadline on a case-by-case basis.

Please notify the SHSO as soon as possible if you think there will be a delay in your organization's application. While the SHSO may be able to offer brief application extensions, VTrans is required to submit on July 1st the state's Highway Safety Plan. The SHSO's goal remains to have agreements executed prior to the beginning of the grant performance period.

New for FFY2022 Law Enforcement (LE) Support Equipment Application – LE organizations please apply for equipment grant funding with your Occupant Protection and/or Driving Under the Influence (OP/DUI) grant application. Only OP/DUI enforcement grant recipients will be eligible for FFY2022 equipment funds.

Recognizing that there are limited grant funds available, it is important for our grantees to understand that VTrans will continue to only award new grant funds received from NHTSA and that this is a competitive process. Although the SHSO has emphasized for years its commitment to a data-driven approach to solving highway safety issues, that commitment remains elevated at a higher level this Federal Fiscal Year. What that means to grantees is this: some agencies may receive more funding than what they have received in the past based on a demonstrated need, while some may receive less funding than in the past (or even no funding) as a result of the data demonstrating a reduced problem or no recognizable problem.



As we re-dedicate our resources to making our roadways safer, the staff at VTrans looks forward to working with all our partners as we strive toward achieving our common goal of "zero deaths."

As always, if you have any questions relating to this NOFO or any other highway safety related questions, please contact the SHSO staff.

Sincerely,

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