CITY OF SIMI VALLEY
MEMORANDUM

November 4, 2019

TO: City Council

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) ACTIVITIES, RATIFY THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER’S EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ENFORCEMENT RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council accept the grant award from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities, ratify the Interim City Manager’s execution of the grant agreement and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign all necessary documents, authorize the Police Department to purchase enforcement related equipment and supplies, and approve a Supplemental Budget Request.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

In January 2019, the Simi Valley Police Department (“Department”) submitted an application, requesting $167,987.71 in funding, to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant. This grant is funded by the National Transportation Safety Administration and is administered by OTS. On July 18, 2019, OTS notified the Department that it had been awarded $102,000 for STEP activities. Since the Grant Agreement (Attachment A, page 4) needed to be signed and returned to OTS within two weeks of receipt, there was insufficient time to obtain City Council’s approval. Although the Interim City Manager has already signed the Grant Agreement, there is no financial penalty if City Council chooses not to accept the grant and ratify the execution of the grant agreement; however, it could negatively affect future grant awards.

The purpose of this grant is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary collision factors.
STEP activities include the following strategies: impaired driving enforcement; operations focusing on primary collision factors such as distracted driving or seatbelt compliance; traffic enforcement operations highlighting motorcycle safety; and, public awareness and educational programs focusing on bicycle and pedestrian safety in areas of high collisions. These strategies are aimed at reducing collisions/fatalities and serve to act as a deterrent through media attention.

**FINDINGS AND ALTERNATIVES**

Consistent with prior years, the Department will use the grant to fund the following: driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement operations; participation in national enforcement education campaigns such as “Click-It-Or-Ticket” and Distracted Driver Month; suspended license compliance operations; pedestrian safety compliance; and, elderly driver and bicycle safety presentations.

This grant also provides for officer training in the detection and apprehension of DUI drivers. Through the OTS grants, the Department has trained Drug Recognition Experts, whose testimony and opinions are now required by the District Attorney in impairment cases. As a grant recipient, the Department is required to re-certify officers as well as train additional officers in this field of expertise. It is anticipated that the Department will train as many as two additional officers and recertify two officers.

In addition, this grant will fund STEP equipment including: DUI Checkpoint supplies, signs, and cones; high visibility vests; generator and lighting; electronic flairs; Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device supplies; plastic barricades; and, Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) for speed enforcement. STEP equipment will primarily be used for DUI checkpoint activities.

The Department has successfully applied for this grant for the past seven years. It is not anticipated that the Department will have difficulty expending the grant within the one-year timeframe, which began on October 1, 2019.

The following alternatives are available to the City Council:

1. Accept $102,000 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for use in Selective Traffic Enforcement Program activities, ratify the Interim City Manager’s execution of the Grant Agreement and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign all necessary documents;

2. Authorize the Police Department to purchase enforcement related equipment and supplies;

3. Approve the Supplemental Budget Request;

4. Do not ratify the grant agreement nor accept the $102,000 in grant funds from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety;

5. Seek funding for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Activities from alternative sources;

6. Provide staff with alternate direction.

Staff recommends Alternatives 1, 2, and 3.
SUGGESTED CITY COUNCIL MOTION

I move that the City accept $102,000 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for use in Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities, ratify the execution of the Grant Agreement by the Interim City Manager and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign all necessary documents; authorize the Police Department to purchase enforcement related equipment and supplies, and approve the Supplemental Budget Request.

SUMMARY

In January 2019, the Simi Valley Police Department (“Department”) applied for grant funds through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). On July 18, 2019, the Department was notified by OTS that it had been awarded $102,000 for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities. It is the Department’s intent to utilize these funds to engage in the following activities: DUI checkpoints; distracted driver and seatbelt compliance operations; traffic safety education and public awareness programs; train officers to be Drug Recognition Experts; and, to purchase equipment and supplies that will be used to further traffic safety efforts.

It is recommended that the City Council accept $102,000 in grant funds from OTS for use in Selective Traffic Enforcement Program activities, ratify the Interim City Manager’s execution of the Grant Agreement, authorize the Interim City Manager to sign all necessary documents, authorize the Police Department to purchase enforcement related equipment and supplies, and approve the Supplemental Budget Request.

David M. Livingstone
Chief of Police

Prepared by: Commander Thomas Meyer

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1. **Grant Title**  
Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

2. **Name of Agency**  
Simi Valley

3. **Grant Period**  
From: 10/01/2019  
To: 09/30/2020

4. **Agency Unit to Administer Grant**  
Simi Valley Police Department

5. **Grant Description**  
Best practice strategies will be conducted to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary collision factors. The funded strategies may include impaired driving enforcement, enforcement operations focusing on primary collision factors, distracted driving, night-time seat belt enforcement, special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety, enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian collisions, and educational programs. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect.

6. **Federal Funds Allocated Under This Agreement Shall Not Exceed:**  
$102,000.00

7. **Terms and Conditions:** The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement:
   - Schedule A – Problem Statement, Goals and Objectives and Method of Procedure
   - Schedule B – Detailed Budget Estimate and Sub-Budget Estimate (if applicable)
   - Schedule B-1 – Budget Narrative and Sub-Budget Narrative (if applicable)
   - Exhibit A – Certifications and Assurances
   - Exhibit B* – OTS Grant Program Manual

   *Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement as if attached hereto.

   These documents can be viewed at the OTS home web page under: Grants: www.ots.ca.gov.

   We, the officials named below, hereby swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that we are duly authorized to legally bind the Grant recipient to the above described Grant terms and conditions.

   IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

8. **Approval Signatures**

   **A. Grant Director**  
   **Name:** Thomas Meyer  
   **Title:** Sergeant  
   **Phone:** 805-583-6223  
   **Address:** 3901 Alamo Street  
   Simi Valley, CA 93063  
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   **B. Authorizing Official of Agency**  
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   **Title:** Interim City Manager  
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   Simi Valley, CA 93063  
   **Email:** bgabler@simivalley.org

   **C. Fiscal or Accounting Official**  
   **Name:** Suzanne Daunt  
   **Title:** Police Budget and Administrative Manager  
   **Phone:** 805-583-6915  
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   Simi Valley, CA 93063  
   **Email:** sdaunt@simivalley.org

   **D. Authorizing Official of Office of Traffic Safety**  
   **Name:** Randy Weissman  
   **Title:** Acting Director  
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   Elk Grove, CA 95752  
   **Email:** randy.weissman@ots.ca.gov

   **E. Accounting Officer of Office of Traffic Safety**  
   **Name:** Caoylin Vu  
   **Address:** 2208 Kausen Drive, Suite 300  
   Elk Grove, CA 95758

9. **DUNS Information**

   **DUNS #:** 076238211
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**Agreement Total**: $102,000.00

I CERTIFY upon my own personal knowledge that the budgeted funds for the current budget year are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.

**Amount Encumbered by This Document**: $102,000.00

**Prior Amount Encumbered for This Agreement**: $0.00

**OTS Accounting Officer's Signature**: [Signature]

**Date Signed**: 9/19/19

**Total Amount Encumbered to Date**: $102,000.00
1. PROBLEM STATEMENT
The Simi Valley Police Department serves a population of approximately 126,000 residents. Simi Valley is the third largest city in Ventura County and covers an area of approximately 42 square miles. Simi Valley is a bedroom community comprised primarily of hard-working middle-class people. Simi Valley is a safe community concerning violent crime, and more of our residents and visitors sustain significant injuries in traffic collisions than during the commission of crimes.

The City of Simi Valley experienced an increase in injury collisions during the 2018 calendar year. The number of injury collisions was 323, an increase from 288, with a total of 438 injured up from 384. We had suffered increases from 2017 to 2018. Unfortunately, the trend is upwards demonstrating the need for additional OTS grant funds.

Our highest number of injury collisions continues to be auto right-of-way violations. Although we targeted more intersections, a continued approach to PCF enforcement is within our strategy. Improper turning movements are our second greatest PCF and were responsible for the second highest number of collisions resulting in the fourth highest number of injuries. Each category listed thus far requires a team-oriented effort to combat intersection violations as well as general unsafe turns city-wide.

DUI collisions during 2018 represented 14.86% of our documented injury collisions. Unfortunately, this increase from the prior year. We have partnered more with the CA Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control to better determine the “point of last drink” so we can better target our enforcement efforts. We participate in the DMV DUI Hotlist Program and notify our officers of potential repeat offenders so they can be vigilant on patrol. We have recognized the need for greater public awareness surrounding DUI and DUI Drugged driving issues and are hoping to continue our OTS funded checkpoints and patrols. Our efforts have paid off, as on suffered 1 DUI related fatality collision in 2018, the same as 2017. The enforcement effort and educations has had a direct impact.

Unsafe speed is our fourth greatest cause of collisions, and also yields the third highest number of injuries within Simi Valley. We currently deploy both LIDAR and RADAR for speed enforcement and recently requested the city traffic engineers re-survey several roads to help educate them in critical areas, such as school zones and residential streets. Distracted driving due to cell phone use continues to be a problem in Simi Valley. Unlike reductions in seat belt violations in the past, distractions from electronic devices continue to be prevalent in Simi Valley. 28.6% of all citations written in Simi Valley in 2018 were for using an electronic device while driving. That percentage almost double from 2017 which was 14.59%.

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES
   A. Goals:
      1. Reduce the number of persons killed in traffic collisions.
      2. Reduce the number of persons injured in traffic collisions.
      3. Reduce the number of pedestrians killed in traffic collisions.
      4. Reduce the number of pedestrians injured in traffic collisions.
      5. Reduce the number of bicyclists killed in traffic collisions.
      6. Reduce the number of bicyclists injured in traffic collisions.
      7. Reduce the number of persons killed in alcohol-involved collisions.
      8. Reduce the number of persons injured in alcohol-involved collisions.
      9. Reduce the number of persons killed in drug-involved collisions.
     10. Reduce the number of persons injured in drug-involved collisions.
     11. Reduce the number of persons killed in alcohol/drug combo-involved collisions.
     12. Reduce the number of persons injured in alcohol/drug combo-involved collisions.
     13. Reduce the number of motorcyclists killed in traffic collisions.
     14. Reduce the number of motorcyclists injured in traffic collisions.
     15. Reduce hit & run fatal collisions.
     17. Reduce nighttime (2100 - 0259 hours) fatal collisions.
     18. Reduce nighttime (2100 - 0259 hours) injury collisions.

   B. Objectives:
      1. Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15. The kick-off press releases and media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed to the OTS Public Information Officer at pio@ots.ca.gov, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, for approval 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release.
2. Participate and report data (as required) in the following campaigns, National Walk to School Day, National Teen Driver Safety Week, NHTSA Winter Mobilization, National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, National Motorcycle Safety Month, National Bicycle Safety Month, National Click it or Ticket Mobilization, NHTSA Summer Mobilization, National Child Passenger Safety Week, and California's Pedestrian Safety Month.

3. Develop (by December 31) and/or maintain a “HOT Sheet” program to notify patrol and traffic officers to be on the lookout for identified repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license as a result of DUI convictions. Updated HOT sheets should be distributed to patrol and traffic officers monthly.

4. Send law enforcement personnel to the NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) (minimum 16 hours) POST-certified training.

5. Send law enforcement personnel to the NHTSA Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) 16 hour POST-certified training.

6. Send law enforcement personnel to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.

7. Send law enforcement personnel to the DRE Recertification training.

8. Send law enforcement personnel to SFST Instructor training.

9. Send law enforcement personnel to DRE Instructor training.

10. Conduct DUI/DL Checkpoints. A minimum of 1 checkpoint should be conducted during the NHTSA Winter Mobilization and 1 during the Summer Mobilization. To enhance the overall deterrent effect and promote high visibility, it is recommended the grantee issue an advance press release and conduct social media activity for each checkpoint. For combination DUI/DL checkpoints, departments should issue press releases that mention DL’s will be checked at the DUI/DL checkpoint. Signs for DUI/DL checkpoints should read “DUI/Driver’s License Checkpoint Ahead.” OTS does not fund or support independent DL checkpoints. Only on an exception basis and with OTS pre-approval will OTS fund checkpoints that begin prior to 1800 hours. When possible, DUI/DL Checkpoint screeners should be DRE- or ARIDE-trained.

11. Conduct DUI Saturation Patrol operation(s).

12. Conduct Traffic Enforcement operation(s), including but not limited to, primary collision factor violations.

13. Conduct highly publicized Distracted Driving enforcement operation(s) targeting drivers using hand held cell phones and texting.

14. Conduct highly publicized Motorcycle Safety enforcement operation(s) in areas or during events with a high number of motorcycle incidents or collisions resulting from unsafe speed, DUI, following too closely, unsafe lane changes, improper turning, and other primary collision factor violations by motorcyclists and other drivers.

15. Conduct highly publicized pedestrian and/or bicycle enforcement operation(s) in areas or during events with a high number of pedestrian and/or bicycle collisions resulting from violations made by pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

### 3. METHOD OF PROCEDURE

#### A. Phase 1 – Program Preparation (1st Quarter of Grant Year)

- The department will develop operational plans to implement the “best practice” strategies outlined in the objectives section.
- All training needed to implement the program should be conducted this quarter.
- All grant related purchases needed to implement the program should be made this quarter.
- In order to develop/maintain the “Hot Sheets,” research will be conducted to identify the “worst of the worst” repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license as a result of DUI convictions. The Hot Sheets may include the driver’s name, last known address, DOB, description, current license status, and the number of times suspended or revoked for DUI. Hot Sheets should be updated and distributed to traffic and patrol officers at least monthly.
- Implementation of the STEP grant activities will be accomplished by deploying personnel at high collision locations.

Media Requirements
• Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15, but no earlier than October 1. If unable to meet the November 15 date, communicate reasons to your OTS Coordinator. The kick-off press releases and any related media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed for approval to the OTS Public Information Officer at pio@ots.ca.gov, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release.

B. Phase 2 – Program Operations (Throughout Grant Year)

• The department will work to create media opportunities throughout the grant period to call attention to the innovative program strategies and outcomes.

Media Requirements

• Send all grant-related activity press releases, media advisories, alerts and general public materials to the OTS Public Information Officer (PIO) at pio@ots.ca.gov, with a copy to your OTS Coordinator. The following requirements are for grant-related activities and are different from those regarding any grant kick-off release or announcement.
  • If an OTS-supplied, template-based press release is used, there is no need for pre-approval, however, the OTS PIO and Coordinator should be copied when at the same time as the release is distributed to the press.
  • If an OTS-supplied template is not used, or is substantially changed, a draft press release shall be sent to the OTS PIO for approval. Optimum lead-time would be 10 days prior to the release distribution date, but should be no less than 5 working days prior to the release distribution date.
  • Press releases reporting the immediate and time-valued results of grant activities such as enforcement operations are exempt from the recommended advance approval process, but still should be copied to the OTS PIO and Coordinator when the release is distributed to the press.
  • Activities such as warrant or probation sweeps and court stings that could be compromised by advanced publicity are exempt from pre-publicity, but are encouraged to offer embargoed media coverage and to report the results.

• Use the following standard language in all press, media, and printed materials: Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

• Email the OTS PIO at pio@ots.ca.gov and copy your OTS Coordinator at least 30 days in advance, a short description of any significant grant-related traffic safety event or program so OTS has sufficient notice to arrange for attendance and/or participation in the event.

• Submit a draft or rough-cut of all printed or recorded material (brochures, posters, scripts, artwork, trailer graphics, etc.) to the OTS PIO at pio@ots.ca.gov and copy your OTS Coordinator for approval 14 days prior to the production or duplication.

• Space permitting, include the OTS logo, on grant-funded print materials; consult your OTS Coordinator for specifics and format-appropriate logos.

• Contact the OTS PIO or your OTS Coordinator, sufficiently far enough in advance of need, for consultation when deviation from any of the above requirements might be contemplated.

C. Phase 3 – Data Collection & Reporting (Throughout Grant Year)

• Invoice Claims (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)

• Quarterly Performance Reports (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
  • Collect and report quarterly, appropriate data that supports the progress of goals and objectives.
  • Provide a brief list of activity conducted, procurement of grant-funded items, and significant media activities. Include status of grant-funded personnel, status of contracts, challenges, or special accomplishments.
  • Provide a brief summary of quarterly accomplishments and explanations for objectives not completed or plans for upcoming activities.
  • Collect, analyze and report statistical data relating to the grant goals and objectives.

4. Method of Evaluation

Using the data compiled during the grant, the Grant Director will complete the “Final Evaluation” section in the fourth/final Quarterly Performance Report (QPR). The Final Evaluation should provide a brief summary of the grant’s accomplishments, challenges and significant activities. This narrative should also include whether goals and objectives were met, exceeded, or an explanation of why objectives were not completed.
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**
This program has full administrative support, and every effort will be made to continue the grant activities after grant conclusion.
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<td>DUI Checkpoint Supplies - On-scene supplies needed to conduct sobriety checkpoints. Costs may include 28” traffic cones, MUTCD compliant traffic signs, MUTCD compliant high visibility vests (maximum of 10), traffic counters (maximum of 2), generator, gas for generators, lighting, reflective banners, electronic flares, PAS device supplies, heater, propane for heaters, fan, anti-fatigue mats, and canopies. Additional items may be purchased if approved by OTS. The cost of food and beverages will not be reimbursed.</td>
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<td>Plastic Barricades - For use at checkpoints to protect officers &amp; staff and to provide traffic control.</td>
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<td>Lidar - Light detection and ranging device used to measure the speed of motor vehicles. This device will be used for speed enforcement.</td>
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| **INDIRECT COSTS** | **-** |

| **STATEMENTS/DISCLAIMERS** | **-** |
There will be no program income generated from this grant.

Nothing in this “agreement” shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal, that a particular law enforcement officer issue a specified or predetermined number of citations in pursuance of the goals and objectives hereunder.
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES
HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS
(23 U.S.C. CHAPTER 4 AND SEC. 1906, PUB. L. 109-59, AS AMENDED)

Failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives may subject Grantee Agency officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high-risk grantee status in accordance with 49 CFR §18.12.

The officials named on the grant agreement, certify by way of signature on the grant agreement signature page, that the Grantee Agency complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives and State rules, guidelines, policies and laws in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Applicable provisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 49 CFR Part 18—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
- 23 CFR Part 1300—Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs

NONDISCRIMINATION
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination (“Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities”). These include but are not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin) and 49 CFR part 21;

- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);


- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (Pub. L. 100-209), (broadens scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);

- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
• Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (prevents discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations); and

• Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (guards against Title VI national origin discrimination/discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP) by ensuring that funding recipients take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs (70 FR 74087-74100).

The State highway safety agency—

• Will take all measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, limited English proficiency, or membership in any other class protected by Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities, so long as any portion of the program is Federally-assisted;

• Will administer the program in a manner that reasonably ensures that any of its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants receiving Federal financial assistance under this program will comply with all requirements of the Non-Discrimination Authorities identified in this Assurance;

• Agrees to comply (and require its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants to comply) with all applicable provisions of law or regulation governing US DOT’s or NHTSA’s access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff, and to cooperate and comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by US DOT or NHTSA under any Federal Nondiscrimination Authority;

• Acknowledges that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under these Non-Discrimination Authorities and this Assurance;

• Agrees to insert in all contracts and funding agreements with other State or private entities the following clause:

“During the performance of this contract/funding agreement, the contractor/funding recipient agrees—

a. To comply with all Federal nondiscrimination laws and regulations, as may be amended from time to time;

b. Not to participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by any Federal non-discrimination law or regulation, as set forth in appendix B of 49 CFR part 2l and herein;

c. To permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as required by the State highway safety office, US DOT or NHTSA;

d. That, in event a contractor/funding recipient fails to comply with any nondiscrimination provisions in this contract/funding agreement, the State highway safety agency will have the right to impose such contract/agreement sanctions as it or NHTSA determine are appropriate, including but not limited to withholding payments to the contractor/funding recipient under the contract/agreement until the contractor/funding recipient complies; and/or cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract or funding agreement, in whole or in part; and

e. To insert this clause, including paragraphs (a) through (e), in every subcontract and sub agreement and in every solicitation for a subcontract or sub-agreement, that receives Federal funds under this program.
POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT)
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508), which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

Instructions for Primary Tier Participant Certification (States)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective primary tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.

4. The prospective primary tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, civil judgment, debarment, suspension, ineligible, participant, person, principal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled “Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification” including the “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction,” provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (https://www.sam.gov/).

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency may terminate the transaction for cause or default.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Tier Covered Transactions**

(1) The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

   (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary tier participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms covered transaction, civil judgment, debarment, suspension, ineligible, participant, person, principal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled “Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification” including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (https://www.sam.gov).

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**BUY AMERICA ACT**

*(applies to subrecipients as well as States)*

The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase with Federal funds only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification for approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

**PROHIBITION ON USING GRANT FUNDS TO CHECK FOR HELMET USAGE**

*(applies to subrecipients as well as States)*

The State and each subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

All subrecipient law enforcement agencies shall comply with California law regarding profiling. Penal Code section 13519.4, subdivision (e), defines “racial profiling” as the “practice of detaining a suspect based on a broad set of criteria which casts suspicion on an entire class of people without any individualized suspicion of the particular person being stopped.” Then, subdivision (f) of that section goes on to provide, “A law enforcement officer shall not engage in racial profiling.”