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OFFICE OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

Notice of Grant Fund Availability

Pedestrian Safety, Enforcement and Education Fund Grant Program

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-36.2 and authorized by N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Office of Highway Traffic Safety hereby announces the availability of the following grant program for state fiscal year 2026, July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Name of the Grant Program: Pedestrian Safety, Enforcement and Education Fund Grant Program.

Purpose: P.L. 2005, c.86 created a non-lapsing revolving fund known as the Pedestrian Safety, Enforcement and Education Fund in the Office of Highway Traffic Safety. The Fund is a repository for monies provided pursuant to subsection c. of N.J.S.A. 39:4-36. Under the statute, a motorist must stop for a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a marked crosswalk. Failure to stop may result in a fine not to exceed $200.00. A total of $100.00 of such fine is dedicated to the Fund to be used to make grants to municipalities and counties with pedestrian safety problems. Priority in awarding grants will be given to municipalities and counties requesting funds in order to take remedial steps for intersections that have been identified by the Department of Transportation as demonstrating pedestrian safety problems pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 158 (N.J.S.A. 39-4-36.2 et seq.)".

Amount of Money in the Program: A total of $250,000.00 is available on a statewide basis during state fiscal year 2026 to implement the grant program.

Eligible Entities: Municipalities and counties with pedestrian safety problems are eligible to apply.

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds: Grant funds may be used for the following initiatives: engineering and design of traffic signs; purchasing and installing of traffic signs; educational or training materials or media campaigns concerning pedestrian safety; compensation for law enforcement officers or authorized crossing guards assigned to an intersection, crosswalk or other roadway; personnel or contractual services; and other commodities.

Procedure: Grant applications will only be accepted through the grant management system Systems for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE). Information on SAGE can be found on the internet at www.njsaferoads.com.

Deadline: Grant applications for the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 will be accepted until April 30, 2025. The office anticipates that preliminary decisions on submitted applications will be rendered by June 30, 2025 and grant awards made, subject to available appropriations, upon adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Act.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Office of Highway Traffic Safety of funds appropriated by the State or Federal

legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Office of Highway Traffic Safety to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Office of Highway Traffic Safety or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Office of Highway Traffic Safety beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Office of Highway Traffic Safety to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.

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