
	FY 2024 HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION				
	<i>CT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</i>				
	<i>FORM</i>	DDHVE-GRANT	<i>CFDA #</i>		20.616
	PROJECT NO:	0204-0745-2-			
Revision: August 18, 2023	PROGRAM AREA:	405 e-2 (M8DDLE)			Received Department of Transportation
Expires: September 30, 2024	PROGRAM AREA DESCRIPTION:	Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement			Highway Safety Office
ACCEPTANCE -- IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT FUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECTS. THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRANSPORTATION SAFETY SECTION POLICY. COPY OF POLICY OBTAINED UPON REQUEST.					
PROJECT TITLE:					
FY 2024 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement					
GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:		ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:			
Town of Wilton		238 Danbury Rd Wilton, CT 06897			
APPLICANT:		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:			
Wilton Police Department		240 Danbury Rd Wilton, CT 06897			
FEIN: 06-6002133	UEI NUMBER: 557001252	ANTICIPATED PROJECT STARTUP DATE: October 15, 2023			
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FOR HSO USE ONLY					
APPROVED PROJECT PERIOD:		FROM: October 15, 2023	THROUGH: April 30, 2024		
FISCAL REVIEW COMPLETED BY: (SIGNATURE AND DATE)		PROJECT MANAGER REVIEW COMPLETED BY: (SIGNATURE AND DATE)			
		PIOTR MILCZEK			
		PROGRAM COORDINATOR REVIEW COMPLETED BY: (SIGNATURE AND DATE)			
		JOSEPH CRISTALLI, JR.			
CHRISTINE BISKE or ANILA HAFEEZ		GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE: (SIGNATURE AND DATE)			
REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$23,891.20					
HSO APPROVED \$:		COMMISSIONER GARRETT EUCALITTO			
TOTAL ALLOTTED \$:					

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STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

To date, identifying the role distracted driving has played in fatality and serious injury crashes has been a challenge in Connecticut, due to the way crash data is collected and limitations of the crash reporting form (PR-1) itself. In order to effectively allocate 405(e) funds to multiple areas including enforcement mobilizations, the HSO chose to use an index of a combination of factors to best identify where the largest volumes of crashes, non-interstate roadway use, and population centers intersect. The goal of which is to target suspected locations where distraction as a result of hand held mobile phone use by drivers leads to crashes; and to identify areas where enforcement of Connecticut's hand held mobile phone for drivers can most be effective.

The applicant was selected by the HSO to conduct High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) based on a combination of the following data, weighted and ranked to determine areas where traffic volumes are highest, and the most crashes occur by town. The following ranking system was used by our data consultant.

- Fatal and injury crashes 2016-2020
- Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (DVMT) (2019)
- Population (2019)
- Crash rate per DVMT
- Crash Rate per population
- Past High Visibility Enforcement grant performance

ENTER YOUR AGENCY'S STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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The Wilton Police Department has identified an area in the Town of Wilton that has an increased amount of crashes compared to the rest of town. This identification was possible using the UCONN Crash Data Repository along with a review of our in-house records management system. In reviewing the data, we have determined that a majority of the crashes have a direct connection to distracted driving as many of the crashes involved citing the "at fault" vehicle for following too close. The charge of following too close is directly related to distracted driving in our experience. The abovementioned analysis performed by a consultant of the Highway Safety Office identified Wilton's distracted driving crash rank as 33rd in the State of Connecticut.

The Wilton Police Department has been conducting our own high visibility distracted driving enforcement in the areas identified, but based on call volume, we have been only able to conduct these details when we have extra manpower or reduced call volume.

This grant will directly assist our efforts to reduce the number of crashes in the identified areas. They are identified as along Route 7 (Danbury Rd) from Route 33 (Westport RD) to the intersection of Route 7 (Danbury Rd) and Route 107 (School St). This area has a high volume of traffic throughout the day which increases during the commuting and school traffic hours.

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To decrease fatalities and injuries as a result of crashes caused by driver distraction, especially those caused by hand held mobile phone use by:		
· Increasing enforcement, especially HVE of Connecticut's hand held mobile phone ban for drivers in areas identified to have high rates of fatal and injury crashes		
To deter electronic device use by increasing the perceived risk of a ticket through HVE and public messaging campaign.		

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ACTIVITIES:		
<p>The following enforcement parameters will be required of participating municipal law enforcement agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Spotter-type enforcement strategy – Spotter type enforcement is required unless other enforcement strategies are described in HS-1 in detail to plan enforcement schedules and strategies. This must be pre-approved in HS-1 grant application. o Spotter type enforcement can be done in teams or individually. Please note – spotter -self initiated is not roving. Rather, this category involves an officer choosing a strategic, covert location advantageous to the observation of all types of hand held mobile phone use. When this behavior is observed, the officer then “self-initiates” the stop. o Non-spotter type enforcement explanation: <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p align="center">SCROLL DOWN TO NEXT PAGE SUPPLY A DETAILED EXPLANATION IF YOUR AGENCY INTENDS TO PROPOSE A</p> </div> o Enforcement Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Daytime Enforcement – Daytime enforcement changes with seasonal patterns. Enforcement must take place during daylight hours > 7 days per week eligible § Minimum of 4 hours shifts/Maximum 8 hour shifts > Must include at least 1 AM/PM peak drive time (7am-10am/3pm-5pm seasonal) on weekdays. If possible the HSO would encourage both the AM/PM peak drive times as enforcement times but agencies must enforce during at least 1. o Enforcement Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enforcement areas should include intersections and other areas where traffic naturally slows. Enforcement locations should be included in grant applications with narrative for rationale as to why locations were chosen (*example – CT statute makes manipulating a hand held mobile device at a traffic sign or signal a violation) o Enforcement Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Fall Wave: October 15 to October 31, 2023 § Spring Wave: April 1 to April 30, 2024 o Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Minimum of 2 Officers/Maximum of 8 <p>Earned media participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Participating agencies are required to take part in earned media activity related to DDHVE. This could include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hosting a kick-off press event o Conducting ride-alongs or interviews with media at enforcement locations o Notification of media outlets through the use of interview opportunities, press releases and media advisories o Cooperation with the HSO earned media contractor including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Distribution of press releases § Use of Approved Talking points o Creation and submission of earned media activity with reimbursement documentation 		

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<i>ACTIVITIES CONTINUED: LOCATION & JUSTIFICATION</i>		
<p>**Press "ALT"&"Enter" together to insert new line</p> <p>Explain your type of enforcement.</p>		
<p>The Wilton Police Department will utilize both the spotter strategy if manpower permits, and if not we will have officers deploy as self spotters in unmarked police vehicles. When the spotter strategy is used, the spotter will be in plain clothes and utilize an unmarked civilian style vehicle. They will then radio to uniformed officers for the enforcement action.</p>		
<p>List proposed enforcement locations and provide a justification for each location.</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Danbury Rd and Old Highway Rd - This location has a high number of rear end crashes and has a high volume of traffic due to commuters. This location has been utilized in the past and has been found to be an effective location. 2. Danbury Rd and School Rd - Increased motor vehicle crashes in this area due to distracted driving, commuter traffic and school traffic. 3. Danbury Rd and Route 107 - Increased motor vehicle crashes due to distracted driving. This location has been found to be effective in previous DDHVE details. 		

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		SUMMARY		
BUDGET SUMMARY APPROVAL				
TOTAL FEDERAL BUDGET	\$23,891.20	FEDERAL SHARE	100.00%	
TOTAL MATCH BUDGET	\$0.00	NON-FEDERAL SHARE	0.00%	
FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFIER NUMBER (FAIN):		69A3752130000405eCTC		
		69A3752230000405ECTC		
		69A3752230SUP405ECTC		
		69A3752330000405ECTC		
		69A3752330SUP405ECTC		
		69A3752430000405ECTC		
		69A3752430SUP405ECTC		
COST CATEGORY	AMOUNT	BUDGET SUMMARY APPROVAL		
OFFICERS-SALARIES	\$23,891.20	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION APPLY*	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
OFFICERS-FRINGE BENEFITS	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION APPLY*	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
TROOPER-SALARIES	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION APPLY*	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
TROOPER-FRINGE BENEFITS	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION APPLY*	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
STATE POLICE-SALARIES	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION APPLY*	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
STATE POLICE-FRINGE BENEFITS	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION APPLY*	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
INDIRECT COST	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITION APPLY*	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
TOTAL FEDERAL BUDGET	\$23,891.20	*Conditionally approved amounts will only be reimbursed upon satisfying the condition mentioned below.		
ADJUSTMENT (if any)		<u>Adjustment Reason:</u>		
APPROVED GRANT AMOUNT:	\$23,891.20			
Notes:				