



February 12, 2014

Kenneth L Ellis
Traffic Safety Administrator
Florida Department of Transportation
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Dear Mr. Ellis,

The Gainesville Police Department and the City of Gainesville are very pleased to be afforded the opportunity to participate in the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Impaired Driving reduction grant. Funding associated with this project will be utilized to enforce and promote the safety of our community.

We look forward to working with FDOT toward accomplishing the goals of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony R. Jones". The signature is written over a large, faint circular stamp or watermark.

Tony R. Jones
Chief of Police

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY SAFETY CONCEPT PAPER

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Agency: City of Gainesville
Concept Paper Title: City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program
Amount Requested: \$101,162.00

Priority Area for Concept Paper:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Traffic Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Traffic Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impaired Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadway Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Speed/Aggressive Driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occupant Protection/Child Passenger Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety | |

Type of Request:

- Initial Continuation

Type of Project:

- Local Statewide

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Statement of the Problem: (Give details about the traffic safety problem that you want to correct. Include at least three years of crash, injury, fatality, and citation data to show the extent of the problem.)

Traffic fatalities are the leading cause of death among persons 1 to 34 years of age, and alcohol is the leading cause of fatal traffic crashes by an overwhelming margin. Nationwide, the economic cost of motor vehicle traffic crashes exceeds \$230 billion annually. Even with a 2008 law that mandates that any driver convicted of a second DUI (Driving Under the Influence of Alcoholic Beverages, Chemical Substances or Controlled Substances) have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle and increased enforcement throughout the state, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Statistics for 2009 show that 1,004 alcohol-related fatalities and 14,130 alcohol-related injuries occurred on Florida's roads.

Unfortunately the City of Gainesville is not immune from this problem. The highway safety matrix places Gainesville #9 on alcohol related crashes and #2 in teen drivers. Gainesville had 151 Alcohol related crashes in 2013 and had 4 alcohol related fatalities in 2013.

Gainesville and Alachua County are not isolated from this issue being a regional hub with numerous state roads and limited access highways. Gainesville is a sports destination bringing in 100,000 people for gatornationals and tens of thousands to the University of Florida for various events, including the 633,000 that watch Florida football. The City of Gainesville is above the State and national average in population 15-19 year of age and double in the 20-24 year of age range according to CLRsearch.com.

The City of Gainesville is committed to reducing injuries and fatalities relating to DUI driving.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Traffic Crashes	4493	5192	5113	4361	5121
Traffic Injuries	677	640	666	1437	1384
Traffic Fatalities	6	5	7	7	9
County Fatalities	29	21	27	37	34

DUI statistics include:

2013 DUI citations: 370
 2012 DUI citations: 357
 2011 DUI citations: 465
 2010 DUI citations: 417
 2009 DUI citations: 298

In 2009, The City of Gainesville was #7 with Cities with population of 100,000 or greater in crashes per population.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/hsmvdocs/CS2009.pdf>

http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/ciot/planner2011/PEAK/CIOT09_WTSC_NightSeatBelt_tag.pdf

Proposed Solution: (Explain the countermeasures that you plan to implement to correct the problem and how the funding that you have requested will support those countermeasures.)

The Gainesville Police Department recognizes the seriousness of impaired drivers on our roads. The City of Gainesville is committed to reducing the numbers of crashes, fatalities, injuries, and the severity of injuries on the highways, streets and roadways. Currently the department participates in aggressive driving details, roving patrol details and Multi-Agency DUI Saturation Operations. These efforts have had a positive impact since they were implemented. GPD also has a dedicated DUI enforcement Officer to combat the serious issue of impaired driving.

To enhance the effectiveness of the enforcement program, the City of Gainesville's Safe Gator Program is being planned. The objective of this program is to educate the public on DUI laws, give breath test results to volunteers leaving drinking establishments and conduct 4 checkpoints during the fiscal year. This education effort coordinated with the zero tolerance enforcement will hopefully reduce the number of DUI arrests in the City limits of Gainesville. This education program was tried out during 2011 and 61 participants agreed to give a breath sample, 18 of those participants had levels over 0.08 but thought they were Ok to drive. We have continued these efforts. In February 2014, we contacted 27 subjects and the average BAC was 0.88 (0.135 high and 0.008 the low). At least two detail are planned for each month. Our agency also uses a safety trailer during these details that plays NHTSA safety messages on impaired driving.

Despite immense budgetary pressure, since 2008 the Gainesville Police Department has attempted to make a positive impact in enhancing public safety and combating DUI-related fatal crashes. The City of Gainesville Safe Gator program is the continuation of this effort, but supplemental funding is required to see it enhance its effectiveness.

The Gainesville Police Department intends to purchase with grant funds the required mouthpieces for the portable breath testing units and intend to contact at least 25 people on each deployment handing out information on alcohol abuse and impaired driving. The Gainesville Police Department plans to utilize a video trailer when available to assist in targeting patrons that was purchased through a community partnership with PIPSA (Partners in Prevention of Substance Abuse).

Every person that performs under this grant will complete an FDOT Safety Office Daily Activity Log. These logs will be submitted to the agency's Project Director, who will ensure that copies are attached to each claim for reimbursement.

The Gainesville Police Department seeks grant funding to operate at least one checkpoint per quarter. Site selection will be selected on traffic history and will be conducted on highways and roadways that are safe for operations. The City of Gainesville Traffic engineering section will plan the MOT and will follow the DOT manual (MUTCD). Operations will confer with the State Attorneys Office and welcome assistance from special interest groups. The checkpoints will also include local law enforcement agencies attempting to make the checkpoints multi-agency. An Operational Plan and After Action report will be kept and sent to FDOT Safety Office with the quarter reports.

The program also seeks to add one fleet vehicle to the full time DUI enforcement Officer with an Intoxilyzer. The SUV will allow the DUI officer to respond faster to any request for an Intoxilyzer and more room to transport multiple violators. This would be the first Intoxilyzer available in the field used by the Gainesville Police Department.

In order to facilitate the delivery of this traffic safety message, agencies will partner with local resources such as their Community Traffic Safety Teams, and the Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Local Area Networks, community organizations, and local media outlets. The Gainesville Police Department will also participate in all statewide public awareness and enforcement campaigns and law enforcement challenges (Florida Law Enforcement Challenge, Click It or Ticket Challenge) sponsored by the FDOT Safety Office.

Project Objectives: (List the short term goals that you have for the project. Some should be quantifiable, such as, "To reduce the number of people killed and injured in crashes by 5% compared to last year's statistics.")

Working toward the stated goal the Gainesville Police Department will:

Conduct at least two Safe Gator details per month

Conduct at least one checkpoint per quarter

Reduce traffic crashes by 5% .

Decrease impaired driving related crashes by 5% for the grant period .

Decrease impaired driving related fatalities by 5% for the grant period

Decrease impaired driving related injuries by 5% for the grant period

Increase safety belt compliance by 2%.

Use Police Beat and other Social networking tools to raise awareness to the Public about impaired driving

Evaluation: (Explain how you will determine if the project is a success.)

Production data for each quarter of the program's calendar year will be measured against data from the corresponding time period of the previous year. Objectives not meeting projections will be prioritized in terms of resource deployment and operational consideration.

Conduct weekly "Tactical Briefing" sessions for the Traffic safety Team (similar to Compstat)

Record the number of total stops, speed UTC, seatbelt UTC, child safety seat UTC, Total UTC, aggressive driving UTC, DUI arrests and total arrests, citizens contacted.

Record the number of Public demonstrations conducted by the Safe Gator project and total number of people reached at those events.

Record the total number of presentations made by the Safe Gator project to include local schools and the total number of college and high school students reached.

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List each item for which you are requesting funding and the estimated cost of the item(s). Equipment that has a unit cost of \$1,000 or more should be listed in the Operating Capital Outlay section.

BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL FUNDING	MATCH	
			STATE	LOCAL
A. Personnel Services				
Overtime for City of Gainesville Safe Gator program	\$25,920	\$25,920	\$0	\$0
Overtime for Checkpoint operations	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$0	\$0
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Subtotal	\$61,920	\$61,920	\$ 0	\$ 0
B. Contractual Services				
	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Subtotal	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
C. Expenses				
PBT Breath tubes (each bag 250)	\$ 364	\$364	\$0	\$0
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Subtotal	\$ 364	\$ 364	\$ 0	\$ 0

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BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL FUNDING	MATCH	
			STATE	LOCAL
D. Operating Capital Outlay				
Intoxilyzer 8000	\$6,378	\$6,378	\$0	\$0
One Police package Chevy Tahoe with equipment	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$0	\$0
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Subtotal	\$38,878	\$38,878	\$ 0	\$ 0
E. Indirect Cost				
	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Cost of Project	\$101,162	\$101,162	\$ 0	\$ 0