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September 16, 2020

Tony Jones, Chief
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RE: The City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program
CPG-2021-Gainesvill-00240

Dear Tony Jones:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Safety Office is pleased to inform you that your agency has been selected to receive subgrant funding for the 2021 Federal fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2020. The following concept paper has been accepted and included in the FDOT FY2021 Highway Safety Plan (HSP) with the following project number, title, and funding levels below:

Original Amount Requested	Subgrant Funding Awarded
\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
FY2021 HSP Project Number	
M5HVE-2021-00240	
FY2021 HSP Project Title	
The City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program	

Based upon funding levels awarded to the State of Florida for the Federal fiscal year by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), subgrant awards may not be the same as the amount requested in your concept paper and the award does not mean that everything listed in the concept paper, including any equipment requests, were approved and/or funded.

Subgrant Application forms are now accessible in the FDOT Traffic Safety Subgrant Management System and include guidance and FDOT program manager notes regarding anything that was unallowable or restricted. Step by step instructions can also be found in the system under "Training Materials".

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at chris.craig@dot.state.fl.us. Additional information can also be found on our website at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/3-Grants/Grants-Home.shtm>.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
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Applicant Information

Applicant Agency:	City of Gainesville
Implementing Agency:	Gainesville Police Department
Concept Paper Title:	The City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program
Priority Area for Concept Paper:	Impaired Driving
Amount Requested:	\$65,000.00
Type of Project:	Local
Type of Request:	Continuation - 2020
Previous Year's Project Number (if Continuation):	M5HVE-20-06-15

Head of Agency

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Statement of the Problem:

According to recent statistics published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were 10,874 alcohol related fatalities in 2017. Of those crashes, 68% involved a driver with a BAC of .15 g/dL or higher. Florida saw 27% of their fatalities caused by drivers with a BAC of .08 or higher. Impaired driving is often coupled with aggressive driving practices. Gainesville is not immune to this problem.

Gainesville is the largest city and the county seat of Alachua County. The city has a population over 125,000 residents and the University of Florida, a nationally top-ranked university, attracts over 50,000 students and their families every year. Gainesville receives a large number of visitors during collegiate and national sporting events. Each year, more than 100,000 people flood the city for the NHRA drag race, Gatornationals, each year and tens of thousands of fans flock to Florida Field to watch the University of Florida Gators play. The University

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of Florida is a nationally top ranked university which attracts thousands of students and families every year. This influx creates a unique situation in which adults between the ages of 21-24 constitute a large segment of the motoring public involved in DUI fatalities.

Supporting Data:

The 2021 FDOT Highway Safety Matrix ranks Gainesville seventh out of 33 cities with populations over 75,000 and above for Impaired Driving. In 2018, five of the 12 traffic fatalities were alcohol related. In 2019, approximately six of the 16 traffic fatalities and 10 serious bodily injury crashes were alcohol related.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Traffic Crashes	3,999	5,092	5,020	5,089	6,070
Traffic Fatalities	10	17	15	12	16
Traffic Injuries	1,394	1,693	1,716	1,704	1,779
DUI Citations	110	136	184	181	112
County Fatalities	32	36	41	40	53

Proposed Solution:

Despite immense budgetary pressure and staffing challenges, the Gainesville Police Department has attempted to make a positive impact on enhancing public safety and combating DUI-related and aggressive driving fatal crashes. The City of Gainesville Safe Gator program is the continuation of this effort with supplemental funding required for maximum effectiveness. 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 and give breath test results to volunteers leaving drinking establishments at least once per month. It is anticipated that this education effort coordinated with existing zero tolerance enforcement will reduce the number of DUI arrests in the City limits of Gainesville. In 2011, this education program was conducted. Sixty-one participants agreed to give a breath sample and 18 of those participants had levels over 0.08 but thought they were Ok to drive. In 2018, the Safe Gator program executed nine details resulting in nearly 300 citizen contacts. Breath samples ranged from .011 to .288 BAL. Most of the participants that were on the high end of the BAL results felt that they were not able to drive.

Grant funds will allow GPD to purchase the required mouthpieces for the portable breath testing (PBT) units and to collect at least 25 people on each deployment handing out information on alcohol abuse and impaired driving. Each person that performs under this grant will complete an activity log. These logs will be submitted to the agency's Project Activity Contact, who will ensure that data is compiled and submitted with each reimbursement claim. GPD would also like to purchase a set of Fatal Vision Alcohol Impairment Goggles. For past alcohol impairment presentations, alcohol impairment goggles (beer goggles) were borrowed from a neighboring law enforcement agency. Acquisition of a set of alcohol impairment goggles will allow for more easily available educational opportunities for the community.

GPD would also like to conduct high visibility enforcement details in areas of high crash occurrences where impatient, aggressive and distracted driving are prevalent. Drivers with this kind of mentality make the roadways increasingly dangerous for other drivers, pedestrians, motorcyclist and bicyclists. Education as well as enforcement is needed to curb those dangerous driving practices.

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In order to facilitate the delivery of this traffic safety message, GPD will partner with surrounding law enforcement agencies, 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 challenge (Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge) sponsored by the FDOT Safety Office.

Sustainability:

The Gainesville Police Department (GPD) recognized the seriousness of impaired drivers on our roads. The City of Gainesville is committed to maintaining a full time traffic safety unit with a DUI enforcement officer and reducing the numbers of crashes, fatalities, injuries and the severity of injuries on the highways, streets and roadways through enforcement, engineering and education. In 2018, GPD conducted two multi-agency DUI checkpoints. Operation Resolutions in January and Operation CincoSwim in May. During these two operations there were over 1,400 drivers contacted, 82 citations and warnings and ten arrests for drug and alcohol related offenses. GPD also has a dedicated DUI enforcement officer to combat the seriousness of impaired driving. GPD saw a rise in crashes and everyday driving shows the markers of aggressive driving with excessive speeds, disregard for others sharing the roadways with bicyclists and pedestrians and all around unsafe driving habits. The Gainesville Police Department the City of Gainesville have adopted the Vision Zero initiative and are committed to working toward reducing traffic related fatalities.

Project Objectives:

Reduce the number of impaired driver and aggressive driving related crashes compared to the 2018/2019 period.

Conduct impaired driver and aggressive driving overtime enforcement patrols outside those times officers are scheduled for regular duty.

Conduct a minimum of one Safe Gator detail per quarter.

Conduct a minimum of one DUI checkpoint.

Conduct at least four community education presentations addressing the dangers of impaired and or aggressive driving with at least two of these targeting college aged (18-25) audiences.

Evaluation:

The project will be evaluated by:

- The number of impaired driver related crashes
- The number of aggressive driving related crashes
- The number of impaired driver related contacts
- The number of aggressive driver related contacts
- The number of hours conducted for impaired driver overtime enforcement patrols
- The number of hours conducted for aggressive driving overtime enforcement patrols
- The number of DUI educational programs/outreach
- The number of aggressive driving programs/outreach

Use social media tools to raise awareness to the public about impaired and aggressive driving

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BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL FUNDING	Match	
			STATE	LOCAL
A. Personnel Services				
Personnel Overtime and Benefits	\$64,800	\$64,800		
Subtotal	\$64,800	\$64,800	\$0	\$0

BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL FUNDING	Match	
			STATE	LOCAL
B. Contractual Services				
NA	\$0	\$0		
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL FUNDING	Match	
			STATE	LOCAL
C. Expenses				
PBT Tubes	\$200	\$200		
Subtotal	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0

BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL FUNDING	Match	
			STATE	LOCAL
D. Equipment Costing \$5,000 or More				
NA	\$0	\$0		
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

BUDGET CATEGORY	TOTAL	FEDERAL FUNDING	Match	
			STATE	LOCAL
E. Indirect Cost:				
NA	\$0	\$0		
Subtotal	\$0	\$0		

Total Cost of Project	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$0
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