



# Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Grant Application (AGA)

Department of Public Safety/ Office of Highway Safety

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## **NATIONAL PRIORITY SAFETY PROGRAM INCENTIVE GRANTS**

### **The State applied for the following incentive grants:**

S. 405(b) Occupant Protection:	<b>No</b>
S. 405(e) Distracted Driving:	<b>No</b>
<b>S. 405(c) State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
S. 405(f) Motorcyclist Safety Grants:	<b>No</b>
S. 405(d) Impaired Driving Countermeasures:	<b>No</b>
S. 405(g) State Graduated Driver Licensing Incentive:	<b>No</b>
S. 405(d) Alcohol-Ignition Interlock Law:	<b>No</b>
S. 405(h) Nonmotorized Safety:	<b>No</b>
S. 405(d) 24-7 Sobriety Programs:	<b>No</b>
S. 1906 Racial Profiling Data Collection:	<b>No</b>

## §1300.12 (1) Updates to Triennial HSP

§1300.12 (i) Adjustments to countermeasure strategy for programming funds:

§1300.12 (A)

- *The American Samoa OHS does not have any adjustments for strategy of programming funds as the FFY24, 25, 26 Triennial HSP has just been submitted.*

§1300.12 (B)

- *The American Samoa OHS does not have any adjustments for strategy of programming funds as the FFY24, 25, 26 Triennial HSP has just been submitted.*

§1300.12 (ii) Changes to performance plan:

- *None*

## **§1300.12 (2) Project and Sub-Recipient Information**

- **Planning and Administration (P&A)**
- **Police Traffic Services**
- **Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OP/CR)**
- **Impaired Driving (Alcohol and Drugs) (ID)**
- **Speed Enforcement (SE)**
- **Traffic Records (TR)**

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Planning and Administration

Activities and costs necessary for the overall management and operations of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety. Planned activities will include funding to administer the Highway Safety Program for American Samoa to include salary and fringe benefits of the OHS Coordinator and Finance Manager, operational costs such as communication, utilities for OHS, annual membership fees for GHSA, printing, security software updates, website/email maintenance, and travel to meetings and conferences for the GR, OHS Coordinator for the NHTSA's partners meeting, Pre-HSP meeting, GHSA Annual Meeting, and Lifesavers Conference.

OHS will also utilize funds to procure a Ford F-150 pickup truck to help assist our office with the Public Participation and Engagement activities throughout the year moving forward.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** PA-OHS-2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Office of Highway Safety

**Organization Type:** Primary Agency

**Amount of Funds:** \$317,000

**Eligible use of Funds:** PA

**Planning and Administration costs:** Yes

**Is Project a Promised Project:** No

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:**  
Highway Safety Office Program Management

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Police Traffic Services: Program Management

The Police Traffic Services Program is overseen by a Program Manager. The Manager guides PTS related projects. This includes operational and financial matters within the specific program.

- Coordinates activities as outlined in the Highway Safety Plan; provide status reports and updates to OHS Coordinator as required.
- Monitors activities, review monthly reports submitted by sub-grantees, and prepares and maintains project documentation (monitoring, risk assessment, etc.).
- Plans and coordinates meetings with the OHS staff and other partners as necessary
- Attend training and conferences for advancement in program areas and stay well-informed on program updates.
- Takes part and coordinates educational presentations at schools, government agencies, and community events.
- Participates in the development of annual highway safety plans and annual reports.

Planned activities to include salaries, materials, supplies, etc. to support overall administration of GOHS and the Highway Safety Plan

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** PT- PM - 2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Office of Highway Safety

**Organization Type:** Primary Agency

**Amount of Funds:** \$85,000

**Eligible use of Funds:** PT

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** No

**Is Project a Promised Project:** No

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:** Highway Safety Office Program Management

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Police Traffic Services: High Visibility Enforcement

Planned enforcement activities to include - year-long sustained enforcement patrols to assist in detecting, deterring, and apprehending speeding, reckless, and aggressive drivers. To provide funding for DPS Traffic Division Personnel to continue enforcement of traffic laws on the highways and to conduct public outreach to include educational activities at schools, at community events, and on various media sources on safe driving. Continue to fund overtime costs of Traffic Division personnel to conduct HVE traffic enforcement such as saturation and laser speed.

Funds will also be utilize to procure two (2) law enforcement vehicles and two (2) motorcycles to better equipped our Traffic Division manpower with necessary equipment to provide enforcement as demanded by the public during our public engagement.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** PT-HVE-2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Traffic Division

**Organization Type:** Law Enforcement Agency

**Amount of Funds:** \$480,000

**Eligible use of Funds:** PT

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** NO

**Is Project a Promised Project:** NO

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:** Western & Eastern District

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:**

CTW Chapter 3., Section 2.2 - High visibility enforcement

High-visibility enforcement campaigns have been used to deter speeding and aggressive driving through specific and general deterrence. In the HVE model, law enforcement targets certain high-crash or high-violation geographical areas using either expanded regular patrols or designated aggressive driving patrols. The objective is to convince the public that speeding and aggressive driving actions are likely to be detected and that offenders will be arrested and punished.



## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Police Traffic Services: Communication and Outreach Supporting Enforcement

Planned activity to include awareness regarding the dangers of speeding and reckless driving emphasizing the importance of safety seat belt use for enhanced highway safety. Radio stations, LED boards, and other social media outlets will be utilize to reach every citizens of affected community within our island territory.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** PT-C0SE-2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Traffic Division, Department of Information (KVZK – Media)  
Samoa News , Radio Station – 92.1 KSBS – FM, South Seas Broadcasting

**Organization Type:** Government Agency, Private Sector

**Amount of Funds:** \$160,000

**Eligible use of Funds:** PT, PM

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** NO

**Is the Project a Promised Project:** No

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:** Western & Eastern Districts

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:**

CTW Chapter 3. Section 4.1 - Communications and Outreach supporting enforcement - Effective, high-visibility communications and outreach are essential parts of successful speed and aggressive-driving enforcement programs (**Neuman et al., 2003; NHTSA, 2000**).

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Impaired Driving(Drugs and Alcohol) : Program Management

Funds will be used for the Impaired Driving program manager's operational costs such as supplies, communication, and travel costs to attend meetings, conferences, and training.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** ID-PM- 2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Office of Highway Safety

**Organization Type:** Primary Agency

**Amount of Funds:** \$65,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** AL

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):**

**Is Project a Promised Project:** No

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:** N/A

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:** Highway Safety Office Program Management

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** **Impaired Driving (Drugs and Alcohol):  
Publicized Sobriety Checkpoints, High Visibility  
Saturation Patrol**

Planned enforcement activities to include - year-long sustained enforcement efforts and periodic enhanced enforcement campaigns, such as the Holiday DUI enforcement efforts to detect impaired drivers. Planned activities may include the purchase of equipment that support and enhance impaired driving enforcement efforts.

The Traffic Division patrol officers will conduct the following enforcement activities:

- 6 checkpoints per year during Holiday Season Impaired Driving, and Impaired Driving National Enforcement in July and August
- 4 saturation patrols between November 30 – January 03, 2023
- 4 per year (1-quarterly) educational outreach activities targeting high schools and community events.

The DPS-Traffic Division has personnel that need to be ARIDE certified. We highly recommend also two Traffic Division officers for DRE certification.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** ID-PSC-HVSP-2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Traffic Division

**Organization Type:** Law Enforcement Agency

**Amount of Funds:** \$280,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** AL

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** NO

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:** Western and Eastern District

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:**

CTW - Chapter 1. Section 2.1 - Publicized sobriety checkpoints, 2.2 - High visibility saturation patrols.

Enforcement/Saturation patrols can be effective in reducing alcohol-related fatal crashes when accompanied by extensive publicity. They should be highly visible and publicized extensively to be effective in deterring impaired driving. Communication and enforcement plans should be coordinated. Messages should clearly and unambiguously support enforcement. Paid media may be necessary to complement social media, news stories, and other earned media, especially in a continuing saturation patrol program (Goodwin et al., 2005, Strategy B1)

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Occupant Protection (Adult and Child Passenger)  
Program Management

To oversee the ASOHS occupant protection program and ensure that strategies and activities are optimized to reach set targets through active public awareness, education, and enforcement efforts.

Funds will be used for Occupant Protection Program costs to include the Program Manager's salary & fringe, and operational costs. This includes office supplies, communication, security software updates, and travel costs to attend meetings, conferences, and training.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** OP-PM-2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** OHS

**Organization Type:** Primary Agency

**Amount of Funds:** \$130,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** OP, CR

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** NO

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:**

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:** : Highway Safety Office Program Management

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Occupant Protection (Adult and Child Passenger) Enforcement, Education, Training and Inspection Stations

Planned enforcement activities to include - year-long sustained enforcement efforts for law enforcement agencies to enforce safety belt and child safety seat laws. Planned activities may include but not limited to high visibility enforcement and periodic enhanced enforcement campaigns such as Buckle Up, It's the Law/Click it or Ticket.

Grant funds will be used for payment of overtime cost for enforcement and educational outreach activities and checkup events. Funds will also pay for training costs of CPST classes; travel costs to attend Kids-in-Motion Conference. Funds will pay for printing costs of brochures, flyers, and pamphlets for distribution at outreach and presentations. Funds will pay for contractual services for the annual American Samoa Seat Belt Survey statistical analysis.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** OP-EETIS-2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Traffic Division, Government Agency, Private Sector

**Organization Type:** Law Enforcement, Government Agency, Private Sector

**Amount of Funds:** \$280,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** OP,CR

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):**

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:** Western and Eastern District

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:**

CTW Chapter 2., Section 2.1 - Short term, high visibility seat belt law enforcement, 5.1 – Short-Term high-visibility Child Restraint/Booster law enforcement.

CTW Chapter 2. Section 2.3 - Sustained enforcement Nichols and Ledingham (2008) conducted a review of the impact of enforcement, as well as legislation and sanctions, on seat belt use over the past two decades and concluded that sustained enforcement (implemented as a component of regular patrols or as special patrols) is as effective as “blitz” enforcement (short-term, high-visibility enforcement) and unlike blitz campaigns, is not usually associated with abrupt drops in belt use after program completion.

CTW Chapter 2. Section 7.2 - Inspection stations. Inspection stations is a 3-star countermeasure in CTW and was informed by the uniform guidelines #20 issued in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 402(a)(2).

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**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** OP-EETIS-2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Traffic, Division, Government Agency, Private Sector

**Organization Type:** Law Enforcement, Government Agency, Private Sector

**Amount of Funds:** \$280,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** OP,CR

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** NO

**Is Project a Promised Project:** No

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:** Western and Eastern District

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:**

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## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Occupant Protection: CHILD Passenger  
Training, Education and Car Seat Installation

To provide education and assistance to parents/caregivers on the appropriate selection, installation and use of child restraint system. Also, to conduct inspections and distribute educational materials at all eight (4) locations Territory-wide as requested by community members and during the CPS Week National Seat Check Saturday campaign.

To actively participate in the NHTSA Heat Stroke Prevention campaign the Office of Highway Safety in Collaboration with the DHSS Child Care Division aims to organize community and public awareness initiatives. Given the consistently high temperatures (above 90 degrees) in the CNMI, this campaign will be implemented year-round to address the ongoing risk of heat stroke.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** OP-DHSS- 2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** DHSS Child Care Division

**Organization Type:** Government Agency

**Amount of Funds:** \$65,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** OP,CR,UNATTD

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** No

**Is Project a Promised Project:** No

**Location of Project and Affected Community:** Eastern and Western District

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:**

- OP Enforcement, Education and Training
- OP Child Restraint Inspection/Fitting Station
- Unattended Passenger Program

## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Traffic Records: Program Management

Funds will be used to provide for the necessary staff time and expenses incurred by OHS that are directly related to the planning, development, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of grants within this program area, and the preparation of section 405c grant applications. The plan includes grants that will be continued from prior years. Funding is also provided under this task to assist individuals to attend and participate in educational meetings or conferences. Also, provide cost for local tech support for TRCC systems which provide data for media advertisement during campaigns.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402

**Project Agreement Number:** TR-PM- 2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Office of Highway Safety

**Organization Type:** Government

**Amount of Funds:** \$65,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** TR

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** No

**Is Project a Promised Project:** No

**Location of Project & Affected Communities:** N/A

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:** Highway Safety Office Program Management



## Project and Sub-Recipient Information

**Project Name and Description:** Traffic Records : Traffic Records Maintenance & Support

Funds will be used for contractual services for the maintenance, support, and upgrade of the Traffic Records System. This task will be contracted to a vendor familiar with the American Samoa Traffic Records System. Funds will also purchase e-citation equipment to completely equip Traffic Division patrol officers and patrol vehicles.

**Federal Funding Source(s):** BIL 402, 405c

**Project Agreement Number:** TR-MS- 2024

**Sub-Recipient(s):** Contractor Vendor

**Organization Type:** Contractor

**Amount of Funds:** \$275,000.00

**Eligible use of Funds:** M3DA, TR

**Planning and Administration Cost (if applicable):** No

**Is Project a Promised Project:** No

**The Countermeasure Strategy or Strategies for Programming Funds:** Improves timeliness of a core highway safety database

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# **§1300.22 Traffic Safety Information Systems grants**

**Certification & Assurances (Appendices A & B)**