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# Department 279 GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FOR GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

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# Chapter 279-1. GRANT PROGRAMS.

## Rule 279-1-.01. Highway Safety Grant Program.

(A) **Statutory Basis for Grant Program. O.C.G.A. 40-10-7. *General Scope and Purpose of the Grant Program.*** The general scope and purpose of the grant program is to educate the public on traffic safety and facilitate the implementation of programs that reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

(B) ***General Terms and Conditions of the Grant.*** The general terms and conditions of a grant funded through federal **Section 402** funds are:

(1) Funds are only available for specific traffic safety program areas including alcohol countermeasures, occupant protection, emergency medical services, motorcycle, pedestrian and bicycle safety, police traffic services, traffic records, speed control, pupil transportation, traffic engineering (roadway safety) and community traffic safety.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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|---|---|---|
| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local | **-or-** | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

(6) Directions and Deadlines for applying: Grants are generally based on the ranking reports and Requests for Proposals received during the grant application process, which generally occurs April through September. Requests for information on the exact deadlines for each year and for applying for grants should be made to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 34 Peachtree Street, One Park Tower, Suite

1600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; by telephone (404.656.6996) or via our website (www.gohs.state.ga.us).

(C) ***Incentive and Supplemental Highway Safety Funds received by GOHS.***

The general terms and conditions of grants funded through federal **Section 410** funds are:

(1) Funds are available only for programs to decrease Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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|---|---|---|
| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local | **-or-** | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

(6) Directions and Deadlines for applying. Grants are generally based on the ranking reports and Requests for Proposals received during the grant application process, which generally occurs April through September. Requests for information on the exact deadlines for each year and for applying for grants should be made to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 34 Peachtree Street, One Park Tower, Suite 1600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; by telephone (404.656.6996) or via our website (www.gohs.state.ga.us).

The general terms and conditions of grants funded through federal **Section 405** funds are:

(1) Funds are available only for programs to increase occupant safety restraint use.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local | **-or-** | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

(6) Directions and Deadlines for applying. Grants are generally based on the ranking reports and Requests for Proposals received during the grant application process, which generally occurs April through September. Requests for information on the exact deadlines for each year and for applying for grants should be made to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 34 Peachtree Street, One Park Tower, Suite 1600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; by telephone (404.656.6996) or via our website (www.gohs.state.ga.us).

The general terms and conditions of grants funded through federal **Section 2003(B)** funds are:

(1) Funds are available only for programs to increase occupant safety restraint use.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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|---|---|---|
| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local | **-or-** | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

(6) Directions and Deadlines for applying. Grants are generally based on the ranking reports and Requests for Proposals received during the grant application process, which generally occurs April through September. Requests for information on the exact deadlines for each year and for applying for grants should be made to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 34 Peachtree Street, One Park Tower, Suite 1600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; by telephone (404.656.6996) or via our website (www.gohs.state.ga.us).

The general terms and conditions of grants funded through federal **Section 157** funds are:

(1) Funds are available only for programs consistent with 402 funding or programs to increase occupant safety restraint use.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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|---|---|---|
| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local | **-or-** | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

(6) Directions and Deadlines for applying. Grants are generally based on the ranking reports and Requests for Proposals received during the grant application process, which generally occurs April through September. Requests for information on the exact deadlines for each year and for applying for grants should be made to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, 34 Peachtree Street, One Park Tower, Suite 1600, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; by telephone (404.656.6996) or via our website ( www.gohs.state.ga.us).

The general terms and conditions of grants funded through federal **Section 157(B)** funds are:

(1) Funds are available only for programs to increase occupant safety restraint use.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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|---|---|---|
| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | **-or-** | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20 Local % | | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

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The general terms and conditions of grants funded through federal **Section 411** funds are:

(1) Funds are available only for programs to improve traffic records.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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|---|---|---|
| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | **-or-** | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local | | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |

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|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

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The general terms and conditions of grants funded through federal **Section 163** funds are:

(1) Funds are available only for programs consistent with 402 funding or programs to decrease Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.

(2) Funds cannot be used to supplant federal, state or local funds.

(3) Matching funds may be required from each applicant. The following are examples of match requirements:

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|---|---|---|
| 1st Year 100% GOHS; 0% Local | | 1st Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local |
| 2nd Year 80% GOHS; 20% Local | **-or-** | 2nd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local |
| 3rd Year 60% GOHS; 40% Local | | 3rd Year 40% GOHS; 60% Local |

(4) Eligible Recipients of the Grant include: State and local governments (their entities) and non-profit organizations. In limited circumstances, others persons or entities may be eligible to contract with GOHS for professional services where appropriate and when consistent with state procurement regulations.

(5) Criteria for the Award. Previous year's traffic accident data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded primarily to applicants with the highest ranking (degree of severity) or through Requests for Proposals.

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