

# Grant Award Summary

## Seat Belt Task Force Grant 2020

**Grant Type:** Grant Continuation

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020

**Award Amount:** \$104,500 (\$83,600—State; \$20,900—Local Match)

**Match Required:** \$20,900

**Fiscal Agent:** Milwaukee Police Department

**MPD Sub-Awardee:** N/A

**Allocation Purpose:** Funds will be allocated to assist the deployment of officers who will be responsible for highly visible enforcement traffic enforcement efforts.

**Partners:** The Seat Belt Task Force includes the Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Police Department.

**Research & Evaluation:** N/A

## Programmatic Summary & Goals

The objectives for this operational plan are to decrease the incidence fatalities and serious injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes by enforcing seat belt usage in Milwaukee. Through high visibility enforcement, Milwaukee Police Department — in partnership with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Police Department — will enforce all occupant restraint laws to encourage seat belt use. As part of this grant, the Milwaukee Police Department will adopt a zero-tolerance policy towards impaired driving and unrestrained occupants during all motor vehicle stops; MPD will also maintain or exceed historical activity levels (rate of traffic stops during deployments) during grant-funded activity.

## Data Summary:

Preliminary 2018 data indicates that 36.7% of persons killed and 21.7% of persons sustaining incapacitating injuries in Wisconsin crashes were not wearing seat belts. The percentage of Wisconsin drivers who use a seat belt is 89.3%, which remains slightly below the national average. It is estimated that safety restraints prevent 293 fatalities and more than 8,000 serious injuries in Wisconsin each year.