

Grant Award Summary

Impaired Driving (OWI) Enforcement Taskforce Grant 2021

Grant Type: Grant Continuation

Grantor: Department of Transportation (DOT)

Grant Period: October 1, 2020- September 30, 2021

Award Amount: \$249,000 (\$199,200-State; \$49,800-Local Match)

Match Required: \$49,800

Fiscal Agent: Milwaukee Police Department (MPD)

MPD Sub-Awardee: N/A

Allocation Purpose: To detect and apprehend motor vehicle operators under the influence of an intoxicant or controlled substance.

Partners: Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Police Department (UWM-PD).

Research & Evaluation: Through the monitoring of activity reports, citations, warnings, and citizen contacts.

Programmatic Summary & Goals

The objective for this operational plan are to decrease the incidence of targeted driving violations, related crashes and to increase voluntary compliance with traffic regulations thereby decreasing fatalities and serious injury collisions by way of a proactive and highly visible enforcement effort. Officers involved in the campaign will take a zero-tolerance on the following violations: a) impaired driving violations, b) operating while intoxicated/impaired, and c) occupant restraint violations. The main purpose of this grant is for the enforcement of operating under the influence by motor vehicle operators. This Grant Project aims to develop a multi-jurisdictional Traffic Safety task force geared towards decreasing traffic crashes and obtaining voluntary compliance with traffic regulations.

Data Summary

In Wisconsin during 2019 alcohol was listed as a contributing factor in 4.2% of all crashes. 25.2% of all fatal vehicle crashes in 2019 were alcohol-related, resulting in 140 deaths. Alcohol-impaired driving is associated with other high-risk behaviors that increase the likelihood of a crash and of significant injury or death occurring; these include speeding and failure to wear seat belts.