

Grant Award Summary

Speed Enforcement Task Force Grant 2020

Grant Type: Grant Continuation

Grantor: State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation (DOT),
Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS)

Grant Period: May 1, 2020-September 30, 2020

Award Amount: \$162,500 (\$130,000-State; \$32,500 Local Match)

Match Required: \$32,500

Fiscal Agent: City of Milwaukee Police Department

MPD Sub-Awardee: N/A

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

Partners: The Speed Enforcement 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 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) speed and aggressive driving violations, and b) operating while intoxicated/impaired. The main purpose of this grant is for the enforcement of speeding and operating under the influence by motor vehicle operators.

Data Summary:

In Wisconsin during 2017, speed-related crashes were listed as a contributing factor in 14.0% of all crashed, and almost 26.3% of all fatal crashes. A total of 159 people died in these crashes. During 2018, speed-related crashes were listed as a contributing factor in 2.5% of all crashed, and 19.3% of all fatal crashes. A total of 107 people died in these crashes.

In Wisconsin during 2018, 5.2% of all crashes indicated a person was drinking alcohol prior to the crash occurring, and 27.0% of these crashes were fatal. A total of 151 people died in these crashes.

Excessive speeding is often associated with other high-risk behaviors that increase the likelihood of a crash and of significant injury or death occurring; these include following too closely and failure to wear seat belts.