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Subject: TxDOT: Recruiting for FY 2022 STEP-IDM is open!
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Happy Wednesday, Dallas Area Agencies!

Recruiting for law enforcement agencies to receive funding for and participate in the **FY 2022 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Impaired Driving Mobilization (STEP-IDM)** is open between now and August 6.

As your Traffic Safety Specialists, Bernadine and I will be your primary points of contact, We also have an excellent team of TxDOT colleagues and LELs to assist you at any time.

The IDM mobilization grant provides overtime enforcement opportunities for four (4) two-week mobilizations, three of which occur in conjunction with major holidays: Christmas/New Year's, Independence Day and Labor Day. There is also a mobilization focused on Spring Break. Dates for each mobilization can be found here.

During each enforcement period, officers from your agency would patrol specifically identified "Enforcement Zones" between the hours of 6p-6a. These zones will be developed using KA (Fatal and Suspected Serious Injury) crash data to help focus your agency's enforcement efforts on areas of historically high crash over-representation. The Enforcement Zones will be limited in size and number, the latter based on the total number of enforcement hours in your grant.

Unlike our yearlong STEP Comprehensive (STEP-COMP) projects which have fixed budgets based on data from crashes reported in your jurisdiction, STEP-IDM budgets can be negotiated with your local TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS). Budget negotiations must be finalized between us prior to August 6. This is a hard deadline, so please respond back quickly (no later than July 30th ... so we can meet our August 6th deadline), if you wish to participate or need more information.

These negotiations will be based on five criteria:

- The average OT rates for the officers/deputies expected to work the project;
- Your agency's OT Fringe rate;
- The estimated number of officers/deputies expected to work STEP;
- The length of your agency's average OT shift;
- The number of shifts each officer/deputy can reasonably work in a 2-week period

Please research and consider each bullet point above prior to scheduling a meeting for negotiations.

Finally, TxDOT, through its Texas Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) program, offers free TCOLE-certified grant-building assistance and STEP 101, a course designed to prepare you and your officers/deputies for working STEP. This course is an excellent way to ensure your project runs smoothly once enforcement begins and is strongly recommended for new agencies and/or new project managers. For more information about TCOLE-certified training offered by the Texas LEL program, [click here](#). I have also copied Katie Alexander, the LEL assigned to the Dallas area on this email.

Your success is our success, so please do not hesitate to ask questions or ask for assistance!

Please notify me and/or Bernadine if you are interested in participating in the STEP-IDM FY22 grant no later than Friday, July 30th so that we can finalize your budget no later than our August 6th deadline.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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