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To All Traffic Safety Partners:

Do you have a problem with speeders on your roadways? Worried about vulnerable road users navigating busy streets? Concerned about impaired drivers plaguing your neighborhoods? The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) is inviting passionate New Yorkers like yourself to turn those problems, worries, concerns (or other traffic safety woes) into life-saving action by applying for grant funding through New York's Highway Safety Grant Program. GTSC is pleased to announce the opening of the 2027 traffic safety grant application period. We are looking for both innovative and tried and true initiatives to make our roads safer for all and advance our goal of ending roadway violence and achieving zero roadway deaths and serious physical injuries. From small towns to urban neighborhoods, these grants offer support to community leaders with real solutions to identifiable problems where they are needed most.

New York's Highway Safety Grant Program is data driven. Using statewide data[1], three program areas stand out with the greatest number of fatalities/serious physical injuries: speeding, impaired driving, and motorcycles. But those are just three out of the eighteen program areas.[2] GTSC recognizes each community is unique, and the program area(s) of greatest concern locally may not mirror the statewide top three. Because of this, applicants are encouraged to use both local data and statewide data to support the initiative(s) for which grant funding is being sought.

Even small ideas can grow into powerful programs. Every informed driver, every protected pedestrian or cyclist, starts with someone willing to step forward. If you have an idea that could prevent crashes, protect vulnerable road users, or strengthen safety in your community, GTSC wants to hear from you. Past projects have included: youth-led safe-driving campaigns, creative and widespread road user safety messaging, and targeted high visibility enforcement initiatives designed to remove dangerous drivers from our roads. All applicants are encouraged to review GTSC's 2025 Annual Report, available on its website, for a sample of the types of grants funded.

Four important notes:

1. **All grant applications are due by 11:59pm on May 1, 2026**.

2. All applicants must implement and attest to having a Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace policy[3].

3. GTSC and the New York State Police are excited to announce the Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety (ESLETS) Conference will be joining with the NYS Highway Safety Symposium starting with this October's Highway Safety

[1] Statewide traffic safety data is available on the Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR) at https://www.itsmr.org/traffic-safety-statistical-repository/.
[2] For the complete list of traffic safety program areas, visit GTSC's website at: https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/safety-topics.
[3] Or provide a certified statement indicating why they cannot meet this requirement.

Symposium taking place in Lake Placid October 19th through October 22nd, 2026, so make sure to include additional funding requests in your grant applications to cover the cost of registration and lodging for this Conference.

4. The next New York State Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference will be held at The Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, NY on May 24-26, 2027. Child Passenger Safety (CPS) grantees may apply for funding to cover registration fees, mileage/tolls, and meals not provided at the conference.

Application procedures and general application information as well as Not-for-Profit requirements are available on GTSC's website. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact GTSC at 518-474-5111 and speak with one of our knowledgeable Highway Safety Program Representatives.

Effective traffic safety programs require innovative, data-driven initiatives with collaboration among local, state and federal partners. Your continued dedication to traffic safety is critical to us reaching our goal of ending roadway violence.

As always, stay safe and keep fighting the good fight.

Sincerely,

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