

FFY 2024

**Municipal Road Safety
(MRS)**

Grant Program

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MRS - Introductions

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MRS - Program Agenda

- Purpose
- Overview
- Competitive Grant
- Background
- Program Elements
- Budgeting
- Application/Attachment B

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MRS - Purpose

- Flexibility and equity
- Enhance traditional traffic safety efforts
- Incorporate new approaches
- Enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities to adapt to changing traffic safety trends

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MRS - Overview

- NHTSA funding - up to \$5.5 million
- Open to ALL municipal Police Departments
- Funds provided on a competitive basis

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MRS - Competitive Grant

- As many communities as possible
- Applications scored by a team of reviewers
- Final decisions made by OGR Executive Director and EOPSS Secretary
- Selection criteria described in the AGF

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MRS - Background

- Launched in FFY 2021
 - FFY 23 we awarded 169 departments
 - Total funding awarded: Over \$4.3M
- Supports High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) for Traffic and *now* Pedestrian & Bicyclist
- Flexibility for non-enforcement activities and strategies
- Allows purchase of specific traffic enforcement equipment and Ped/Bike safety items

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MRS - Program Elements

- **Element One**

- *Traffic Enforcement and Equipment*

- **Element Two**

- *Ped/Bike Enforcement*

- **Element Three**

- *Non-Enforcement Safety Activities and Ped/Bike Safety Items*

***Please note Ped/Bike Safety Items have moved to Element Three**

ALL ELEMENTS ARE OPTIONAL

None are required

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ELEMENT ONE

Enforcement

- One enforcement budget for all campaigns
- Enforcement awards are no longer split into strict budgets. Funds can be used during any campaign

- Dec. 1-31, 2023 – Winter Impaired Driving
- April 1-30, 2024 – Distracted Driving
- May 1-31, 2024 – Click It or Ticket
- June 1-30, 2024 – Speed
- July 1-31, 2024 – Speed
- August 1- September 15– Summer Impaired Driving

ELEMENT ONE

Equipment

- A combined 30 hours of enforcement are required throughout the 6 campaigns
- Up to 50% of the traffic enforcement budget may be used for equipment (*not 50% of the total award amount*)
- All equipment must be received by April 30, 2024
- Each equipment item must cost less than \$5,000.00
- Quotes for each proposed equipment purchase must be submitted with your application

ELEMENT ONE

Equipment

Allowable equipment:

- Handheld Radar Units
- Handheld LiDAR Units
- Pole-mounted Radar Speed Signs
- Traffic Data Recorders
- Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) instruments **NEW**
- Remote/Cloud-based traffic data processing software subscriptions for pole-mounted speed radar signs and/or traffic data recorders **NEW**
 - Subscriptions can only be up to 12-months in length
 - Subscriptions can only be added-on to pole-mounted speed radar signs and/or traffic data recorders purchased under this FFY 2024 grant

ELEMENT TWO

Ped & Bike Enforcement

NEW- January and February Campaigns

Ped & Bike Enforcement Campaigns

- November 1-30, 2023
- January 1-31, 2024
- February 1-29, 2024
- March 1-31, 2024
- May 1 –31, 2024
- August 1- September 15, 2024

ELEMENT THREE

Non-Enforcement Traffic Safety Activities

This year the Non-Enforcement Element will include two parts:

- 1. Non-Enforcement Activities
- 2. Pedestrian/Bike Safety Items

See NHTSA's "Countermeasures That Work" guide for more ideas.

ELEMENT THREE

Non-Enforcement Traffic Safety Activities

Allows a department to:

- Develop and participate in innovative activities promoting road safety
- Implement non-enforcement strategies that help instill beneficial changes in road user behavior
- Support positive interactions between police and communities
- Promote equity in safety efforts

ELEMENT THREE

Non-Enforcement Traffic Safety Activities

Community-Based Educational Activities, Officer Training, etc.

Examples:

- Work with local and regional traffic safety partners such as nonprofit organizations to develop and deliver community traffic safety awareness programs
- In State Professional Development Trainings/Classes:
 - Crash reconstruction, crash data analysis, work zone safety
 - ARIDE classes
- Child Passenger Safety Technician overtime or Car Seat Check Events
- Host a bike rodeo
- Presenting to drivers ed students to encourage compliance with traffic laws and promote good traffic safety behavior

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ELEMENT THREE

Non-Enforcement Traffic Safety Activities

Pedestrian/Bike Safety Items

- Request funds for safety items
- While there is now no limit on safety item purchases, requests must be reasonable, and the distribution plan must justify the amount being requested
- Safety items must be received by **April 30, 2024**
- Safety items are intended to provide protection, enhance nighttime visibility, and educate the public on safe practices and applicable laws

ELEMENT THREE

Non-Enforcement Traffic Safety Activities

Pedestrian/Bike Safety Items

- Allowable safety items include:
 - Bike Helmets, Lights, Reflectors, Pedestrian Light Bracelets, etc.
- Check the [AGF](#) for a complete list
- Purchases must be supported based on identifying a specific problem in the applicant's community, and a distribution plan must be included in the application

MRS - Budgeting

FFY 2023 Tier Levels		
Population	Tier Level	Max Award
Greater than 40,000	Tier 1	\$60,000.00
20,000 - 39,999	Tier 2	\$40,000.00
12,000 - 19,999	Tier 3	\$30,000.00
Less than 12,000	Tier 4	\$20,000.00

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Reminder:

- All Elements are optional
- Total of all elements cannot exceed the maximum award for a tier level
- Once budgets are established, unspent funds from one element cannot be rolled over to another element

MRS - Application

- *Competitive grant – answer questions thoroughly!*
- All applicants must complete Questions 1 through 6 and 11 through 13.
 - If the applicant is not applying for Non-Enforcement activities, they may skip question 7
 - If the applicant is not applying for Traffic Equipment, they may skip questions 8 and 9
 - If the applicant is not applying for Ped & Bike safety items, they may skip question 10
 - Departments must sign the Assurances page

[Fillable Application](#)

MRS - Application

Attachment B – Excel Worksheet

- Identify tier and maximum award
- Fill in the appropriate cost categories
- Summary page will populate from cost categories
 - Do not alter anything other than Department Name

MRS – Application Submission

- OGR requires one copy of the application packet and supporting documents submitted electronically on or before June 29, 2023, to: OGR.MRS@mass.gov
- OGR also requires (1) hard copy of signed application packet hand delivered or submitted by certified mail and postmarked no later than June 29, 2023 to:

Office of Grant Research
ATTN: Highway Safety Division (MRS Grant)
35 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 302
Braintree, MA 02184

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Application Packet

The documents listed below comprise the application packet:

- Completed FFY2024 Municipal Road Safety Grant Funding Application with Signed Assurances Page – Attachment A
- Grant Application Budget Spreadsheet – Attachment B
- Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing Form
- Subrecipient Risk Assessment Form
- Organization's Overtime Policy (this can be an excerpt from the policy manual)
- Copy of Federal or Auditor approved Fringe Rate Agreement and/or Indirect Rate Agreement, if applicable
- Quote(s) for proposed traffic equipment purchases, if applicable
- Applicants must also complete and e-submit the Applicant Contact Information Form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/MAOfficeOfGrantsAndResearchOGR/FY2024MunicipalRoadSafetyMRSApplicantContactInformationForm>.

Key Dates

AGF Posted	May 26, 2023
MRS Webinar/Workshop	June 8, 2023 at 1:00pm
Application Due Date	June 29, 2023
Award Announcement (tentative)	October 2023
Contract Period	November 1, 2023-September 15, 2024

- No Spending can occur before the date of a fully executed contract
- Refer to the [FFY24 MRS Grant AGF](#) for complete details of program requirements and guidelines

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QUESTIONS?



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