

WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF GRANTS AND RESEARCH?

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. OGR manages more than S150 million in state and federal grants that support traffic safety, public safety and homeland security programs across Massachusetts. We are the State Administering Agency for funds received by the state from the Department of Justice, Federal Emergency Management Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

WHY ARE YOU HOLDING VIRTUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY TOWN HALLS?

OGR is soliciting public input that will help shape the agency's Triennial Highway Safety Plan. This plan will be submitted to NHTSA and guide future traffic safety strategy and initiatives.

WHY ARE THE TOWN HALLS FOCUSED ON BRISTOL, HAMPDEN AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES?

In accordance with NHTSA guidance, OGR selected communities that are overrepresented in the state's traffic fatality data. Communities in counties selected for Town Halls have among the highest number of fatalities reported in the past five years across several key measures, including impaired driving fatalities, speeding fatalities, unrestrained occupant deaths and non-motorist fatalities. OGR will continue to do outreach to communities across the state as part of our mission to reduce traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities.

HOW CAN I ATTEND?

Visit <u>mass.gov/info-details/roadmap-to-traffic-safety</u> or scan the QR code and follow directions to register.

