

Q&A for AGF for
FFY 2023 State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements Grant,
Section 405(c) Funding

as of 6/24/22

Q. Would eCitation be a possible project to secure 405c funding for? Or would that be done through DCJIS and MACCS?

A. Thanks for your inquiry about the 405c grant program for traffic records activities. As noted in the Availability of Grant Funds for 405c grant funding, projects related to the MA citation and/or crash system must align with MACCS overseen by DCJIS.

The Office of Grants and Research has a current Section 405c grant with DCJIS to allow them to conduct the MACCS program and a major part of that is to purchase printers in a priority manner for local police departments seeking to start-up with MACCS. The printers and associated training and follow-on support on MACCS are provided by DCJIS at no charge to local departments.

Joe Demers at DCJIS at joseph.demers@mass.gov can help you get started with MACCS.

Please let me know however if you think you have a project that involving e-citation and/or e-crash reporting that would not be addressed by this support from DCJIS.

Q. We have a few questions regarding the eligibility requirements for the Section 405c grant funding opportunity:

- Are private universities eligible to receive funding or only publicly funded universities?
- Can an eligible recipient pay for connected vehicle data from a private company vendor as part of its budget under this program?

A.

- State higher educational institutions in Massachusetts are eligible, but private universities in Massachusetts would not be eligible unless they were not-for-profit with a public purpose.
- To make an initial determination, I would need further information of how this proposed cost would enable the project to meet the intent of the grant program. Any initial

determination made would still be subject to subsequent review and possible approval by the AGF review committee, the Executive-level Traffic Records Coordinating Committee, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security/Office of Grants and Research, and ultimately the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Q. In regard to this part of the AGF: "Applicants with current Section 405c grant awards cannot receive new 405c grant awards until their first awards are 30% or more complete at the time of application. Such applicants should consult with OGR prior to applying." Is that 30% or more based on actual dollars spent, or can match be included in that amount?

A. This AGF text was developed with the understanding that awards are grant funds. Match funds on the other hand are those required to be spent by the subrecipient on the project to be eligible to use awarded grant funds.

Q. Is a municipal police department considered an EOPPS agency for the full funding or would the Town need to provide the match funds as outlined for non-EOPPS agencies?

A. The community would have to provide a minimum 20% local funded hard and/or soft match based on the proposed total project cost. See AGF starting on page 5 for more details.

Some inquiries above were edited for purposes of clarity. Please direct any questions about this document to Mr. Brook W. Chipman, Program Manager at OGR at brook.chipman@mass.gov.