

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 96

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR
2020 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT
FUNDS.

WHEREAS, grant funds are available through the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for overtime enforcement related to special enforcement patrols to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the state with a distracted driver contributing cause through targeted distracted driving enforcement and education during the 2020 Distracted Driving Crackdown - U Drive, U Text, U Pay grant from April 1 through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is considered to be in the best interest of the City of Vineland that an application be submitted by the Vineland Police Department for the amount of \$8,250.00 for said grant funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Application for the 2020 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant Funds and such other documents as required be and the same are hereby authorized for execution by the Mayor, Financial Director and Project Director.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Reid Wanda

From: Fulcher Christopher
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Gilroy Laura
Cc: Reid Wanda; Baldosaro Susan M; Dounoulis Nicholas; Gallo Greg
Subject: RE: Grant for Distracted Driving - U Drive. U Text. U Pay.
Attachments: 2020 Distracted Driving Grant.pdf

Yes, we are. Attached is a copy of the grant application. The grant application is ready on SAGE for additional signatures (Finance and Admin).

Grant details are:

1. Grant Period- 4/1/2020 – 5/31/2020
2. Hours- 150 @ \$55/hr
3. Total Funding- \$8,250.00

Let me know if you need anything else.

HTS Mobilization 2020 Distracted Driving Crackdown

Organization: Vineland City

Narrative Description of Project

[✓] I agree to the Terms and Conditions found below.

Problem Statement:

Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways. In 2017 alone, 3,116 people were killed in distracted driving crashes. In New Jersey, driver inattention remains the most significant cause of fatal and incapacitating crashes. Driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in 51 percent of the state's crashes in 2017. Driver inattention was in fact listed as a contributing factor in crashes at a rate more than eight times higher than that of the next highest contributing factor (speed).

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. These distractions include:

Texting

Using a cell phone or smartphone

Eating and drinking

Talking to passengers

Grooming

Reading, including maps

Using a navigation system

Watching a video

Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

But, because using a hand held cell phone while driving to make calls or send text messages requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, they are by far the most alarming distractions.

April is National Distracted Driver Month, which is a time to remind New Jersey motorists of the state's distracted driving laws, which include a ban on hand-held cell phone use and text messaging by all drivers and a ban on all cell phone use (hand held or hands free) by novice drivers.

From April 1-21, 2020 (and in some grants for a more extended project period), police officers, on an overtime basis, will conduct special enforcement patrols targeting distracted drivers. The enforcement will take the form of roving patrols and fixed checkpoints.

During the 2019 Distracted Driving Crackdown *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.* participating police agencies in the state issued 15,105 summonses for cell phone use/texting and 6,286 for careless driving.

Objectives:

To reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the state with a distracted driver contributing cause (as detailed in the FY2020 New Jersey Highway Safety Plan) through targeted distracted driving enforcement and education during the 2020 Distracted Driving Crackdown *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.*

Methodology:

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REMINDER: As per directives from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (which provides the federal funding for this grant) Chiefs of Police are not eligible to work grant-funded overtime through this grant.****

This federally-funded grant project consists of an enforcement overtime campaign from April 1 through April 21, 2020 (and for a more extended project period in some grants). The project is designed to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving, to offer deterrence through visible enforcement, and to issue summonses for relevant motor vehicle violations. The grant will pay for overtime enforcement hours during the approved crackdown project period, with a maximum rate to be reimbursed of \$55 per hour. The overtime hours will be used for roving patrols and checkpoints.

This is a reimbursement grant. Participating departments will incur all costs and then submit the necessary documentation to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for reimbursement.

This is an enforcement campaign. A reasonable number of distracted driving related summonses are expected in relation to overtime hours worked.

The maximum project overtime rate is \$55.00 per hour regardless of what officer works the project hours. The officer is to receive the full dollar amount in overtime. Administrative costs or fees should be considered "in kind services" or soft matches and are not a part of this grant. It is up to the agency to establish its pay rate for the project. The Division encourages agencies to pay all participating officers a flat \$55 per hour rate for this overtime detail, but agencies may pay their usual overtime rates, if they wish, in which case the reimbursement from the Division will be:

Officers paid \$55.00 - project will reimburse at \$55.00 per hour.

Officers paid less than \$55.00 - project will reimburse at that lower rate.

Officers paid more than \$55.00 - project will reimburse at \$55.00 per hour with the municipality covering the remainder of the rate.

Again, the maximum hourly rate to be reimbursed is \$55 per hour, regardless of whether all the grant-budgeted hours are worked or not.