Contract Management Manual

for

recipients of federal highway safety grant funding

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To: All recipients of federal highway safety funds

Subject: State highway safety contracts

Thank you for your interest in improving traffic safety on Montana’s highways! We appreciate you taking the time to apply for grant funding through our state’s Highway Traffic Safety Bureau and we look forward to working with you.

The next page describes how your project might tie in to the many, many efforts already underway to improve highway safety. We welcome your joining us to help reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities on Montana roads. It’s a lofty goal, to be sure, but one that may make a life-or-death difference to many families.

This manual is intended to help you through the application process, and to be successful in administering your contract with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). This tool is only as useful as its contents. If you have ideas for refining the process or the instructions, please let us know.

Once awarded, the contract is a binding agreement between you and MDT. Please comply with the contract’s terms and provisions, including reporting responsibilities.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of my staff for guidance or assistance.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Sinclair
State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau Chief
How does my application fit into the statewide effort to improve safety on Montana’s highways?

The Montana Department of Transportation’s mission is to serve the public by providing a transportation system and services that emphasize quality, safety, cost effectiveness, economic vitality and sensitivity to the environment.

In 2006, focusing in on the safety component of the department’s mission, MDT led the development of the Statewide Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan. Recognizing that the mission to improve highway safety crosses national, state, city, county, and tribal jurisdictions, MDT worked collaboratively with the many and varied stakeholders throughout the state in developing this plan.

The fundamental goal of this effort is to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities on Montana roads.

The Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan consists of two main elements: the plan itself, and the annual element which tracks implementation of specific strategies and progress towards the stated goals.

If you have ideas for how to increase sober driving and usage of appropriate safety restraints for all vehicle occupants as valued norms within our culture, we welcome your application for highway safety grant funds.

Thank you for joining this statewide effort!
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Chapter 1
Introduction

General
Each year, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) receives federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for improving highway safety.

In accordance with NHTSA guidelines, MDT’s State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau (SHTSB) passes funding along to entities that can achieve measurable safety impacts. These entities are commonly referred to as “subgrantees” or “contractors”. Some contractors or subgrantees subcontract with other entities, who are known as “subrecipients”.

The funds available are described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA), number 20.600 through 20.605. View details online at http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html or contact SHTSB at (406) 444-0809.

Guidance and assistance
The SHTSB staff is available to help at any stage in the preparation of your project proposal, and, if you’re awarded funding, to help you successfully administer the contract. Please feel free to contact us via phone, e-mail, or in person.

We strongly encourage new ideas and innovative approaches. As such, we are committed to helping with the initial development of new projects as well as expansion of existing projects. We also encourage you to explore what has worked in other states and consider bringing those strategies to Montana.
Chapter 2
The application process

Sound planning sets the stage
Planning is a critical component of a successful grant application. Take time to think your project through. Talk to others and make sure you’re not overlooking important details as you put together a detailed project description for your application.

Remember: assistance is available from the SHTSB staff!

The planning year
Our programs run according to the federal fiscal year (FFY), which begins October 1 and runs through September 30 each FFY.

Annual meeting
The grant application cycle begins each year with a meeting, usually held in April or May in Helena. The purpose of this gathering is to allow for an exchange of ideas and expertise regarding potential solutions for reducing traffic-related injuries and deaths on Montana’s roads. We aim to come away from the meeting with a list of priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

We send invitations to traffic safety advocates from a variety of state, local, tribal, and private entities, as well as other interested parties. If you know of someone who may be interested in participating in this process, please encourage them to contact us.

Reimbursement is available for vehicle mileage, lodging and meals for anyone traveling over 50 miles to attend. Please use the reimbursement form provided in the Appendix.

Discussion points
At the meeting, the starting point for discussion is the problem identification document drafted by our Operations Research Analyst. This document contains an analysis of data from the previous calendar year. A final draft will be ready for your review.
prior to the meeting. You may view the current problem ID online at

Other topics usually include data, impaired driving, safety belts, speeding, planning, federal funding, and goal-setting. We will have prepared some ideas for potential long- and short-term goals, and welcome your feedback on those. We’re also very interested in any ideas you may have to present.

After the meeting, the SHTSB develops a highway safety plan based upon information gathered from the annual planning meeting and grant applications you submit to our office.

**The plan**

After the meeting, my staff and I compile the concepts and priorities into the federally required *highway safety plan* and submit that to Rail, Transit & Planning Division Administrator and the Governor’s Highway Safety Representative for approval. The plan is due to the NTHSA regional office by September 1 of each year.

**Applications**

Applications may be submitted throughout the year. However, in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year, the best time to submit applications is June 1 – August 1. Please use the application form provided at http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/grants/grant-app.doc or contact SHTSB for a hard copy.

Applications should address one of the following categories:

- alcohol/drugs
- police traffic services
- occupant protection
- traffic records
- emergency medical services
- motorcyclists
- bicyclists
- pedestrians
- equipment

Please note: no applications are needed for the *selective traffic enforcement program (STEP)* contracts. We use the county ranking in the problem ID document to determine priorities. We will contact those counties that are eligible for the funds; they may accept or reject these funds.
Later chapters of this manual will offer more details to help you develop your application. If you’ve never put a grant together before, it may be helpful to review basic grant writing information online at http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.GRANT_PROPOSAL_DYN.show.

**Decisions**

SHTSB staff will carefully evaluate each grant application within 10 working days. Priority will be given to applications that are compatible with the goals and priorities in the *highway safety plan* for the upcoming federal fiscal year.

We use the following criteria in reviewing each proposal:

- Does the request for funds address the identified highway safety problem and help meet the goals and objectives of the highway safety plan?
- Will the countermeasures proposed assist in solving the problem?
- Are the objectives achievable and measurable?
- Are all activities approved and all costs allowed under the applicable federal rules?

If we need more information in order to properly review your proposal, we will contact you.

Within 10 days of our decision, we will notify you in writing (letter or e-mail) of the status of your application.

**When does the money arrive?**

Staff will prepare contracts in advance of the new federal fiscal year. As soon as NHTSA funding is disbursed for the new fiscal year, contracts will be sent to you for signatures. Most contracts work on a reimbursement basis: when you send us your reimbursement claim form and invoices, we then make payment. More details about this are available in this document.
Chapter 3
The standard agreement

General
Once a decision has been made to fund your project, it’s time to formalize the deal with a contract called the “standard agreement.”

Depending on the type of grant awarded, the contract will consist of relevant grant-specific documents, such as a scope of work description and required reporting forms. For more detail, please see Section XIX: Exhibits attached to the standard agreement (page 11).

SHTSB staff will prepare two complete sets of the standard agreement. To execute the agreement, both sets must have original signatures on the signature page in ink.

Please note: Do not use whiteout anywhere on the signature page. Draw a single line through any mistakes and enter the correct information. No one may sign “for” individuals whose names appear on the signature page.

Components of the standard agreement
The general agreement provisions sections of the standard agreement summarize the terms of the contract between the contractor and MDT:

Section I: Coordination of Agreement Documents
This section explains that if there is a discrepancy between the provisions of the agreement and the project proposal, the provisions shall prevail.

Section II: Purpose, Scope and Methods
This section will reflect information you provide on the proposed project scope of work (Exhibit B). For that reason, it’s important for you to refine and document the purpose and scope of your project and your implementation methodology in your application.
Section III: Reports
Reporting requirements vary by contract type. Please see chapter 9 for more information.

- In most cases, a quarterly report is due to our office April, July, and October on or before the 30th day of each of these months following the calendar quarter’s end.

- A final report is due within 30 days of completing any project.

- The final report must be approved and accepted by MDT unless this requirement is waived in Section XX.

- Final payment will not be made until the final report has been received and accepted.

Section IV: Time
Indicate the beginning and ending dates.

- The project activities must start within 10 days of the agreement being executed (signed by all parties).

- The project must be completed no later than September 30th of each federal fiscal year.

Section V: Agreement Cost
Project costs shall be identified in the proposed project description (Exhibit B) and on page 2 of the standard agreement.

Section VI: Payment and Audit

- Invoices requesting reimbursement for costs incurred for the project must be submitted on a monthly unless the contract language allows for other billing timeframes.

- MDT will reimburse you on a monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or lump sum basis for actual direct costs, provided the total amount does not exceed the contracted agreed upon total.

- Indirect costs will be reimbursed if an indirect cost plan has been submitted and approved, and MDT has agreed to the percentage rate. Only state agencies and universities may claim indirect costs. Other entities may claim an administrative fee as a budget line item.

✓ Staff salaries must not exceed the amounts normally paid to staff for regular employment with the contractor. “Extra compensation” salaries (also called pay exceptions) as a means to retain employees or to compensate them for adding MDT projects to their workload will not be paid without prior written approval by MDT.

✓ Costs submitted for reimbursement must be clearly and accurately supported by the contractor’s records.

✓ Ten percent of the total project costs or $2,000, whichever is less, may be withheld from the final claim as surety for completion of the agreement.

✓ If during the term of the agreement, federal funds become reduced or eliminated, the department may immediately terminate or reduce the grant award upon written notice to the project director.

✓ Unless waived in Section XX, local government contractors subject to the authority of the Montana Single Audit Act will secure an independent audit in compliance with OMB Circular A-133.


   OMB Circular A-133: www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/

✓ All other government and non-profit contractors will obtain an independent audit in compliance with OMB Circular A-133. Audits must be submitted to the Montana Department of Administration with a copy to MDT SHTSB. If a contract extends over more than one year, a separate audit must be obtained for each year.

✓ Audit costs are reimbursable on a proportionate basis. The charges may be considered a direct cost or an allocated indirect cost.

Section VII: Source of Funds
Payment will be made using federal funds and the appropriate portion of state matching funds, unless otherwise indicated under Section XX. The federal funding type will be indicated by a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number on page 1, paragraph 1 of the standard agreement.

Section VIII: Subcontracting and Special Services
If you wish to subcontract any part of your agreement, you must first submit a written proposal to MDT. If approved, a formal subcontract must be developed. The project director will manage the services of any subcontractors. If the project director delegates tasks under this agreement to another person, the point of contact shall be named on the standard agreement signature page.
Section IX: Proprietary Rights
If patentable discoveries or inventions result from work of the contractor on the agreed-upon project, all rights accruing from any copyrights, patentable discoveries or inventions shall be the sole property of MDT.

Section X: Inspection of Work
MDT shall exercise general supervision over the work of the project. With reasonable notice, MDT will be granted access to the premises, all data, notes, records, correspondence, instructions and memoranda pertaining to the work outlined in the contract.

Section XI: Records
All original invoices and records supporting the services rendered must be retained for a period of three years after the completion date. The contractor will provide access to any records to representatives of the United States Department of Transportation, MDT, State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau, or the Legislative Auditor.

Section XII: Ownership of Data
MDT shall be the owner of all data, summaries and charts collected under this agreement.

Section XIII: Insurance Requirement
All contractors, other than state and local government contractors, must file certificates of insurance with MDT’s purchasing services bureau within 10 working days of notice of award and it must be valid throughout the entire contract period. Contracts will not be issued to contractors without proof of workers’ compensation insurance valid with the state of Montana or proof of exemption thereof. MDT’s purchasing bureau: (406) 444-6365 or 444-6033. Fax 444-7613.

Section XIV: Equipment and Instrumentation
All approved purchases of apparatus, tools and equipment used exclusively for this agreement, shall remain the property of MDT subject to the following provisions (with the exception of law enforcement equipment purchases of $500 or more per unit cost):

- Prior to reimbursement, MDT must approve all major apparatus and equipment purchases in writing.
• Proper competitive bid practices must be used when buying major items such as equipment and apparatus. Such items would cost more than $5,000 and have a useful life of more than one year.

• Apparatus and equipment, including computer software costs, shall be listed as direct costs, not indirect costs.

• The title for all purchased equipment shall remain with the contractor until the equipment ceases to be used in the state’s highway traffic safety program. When the equipment is no longer being used, the contractor will notify SHTSB in writing.

**Section XV: Travel**
You must have written approval by MDT for out-of-state travel prior to incurring costs if not identified within the scope of work of the contract. If in-state travel was not initially provided for in the contract, this too must be proposed and approved in writing by MDT prior to travel. Reimbursements for travel shall be at state or local rates unless otherwise agreed to in the project proposal.

**Section XVI: Publication**
After acceptance and publication of the final contractual report, the contractor, MDT, and SHTSB are free to publish or use the data and results without restriction with the exception of copyrighting. Papers, interim or final reports or other materials that are part of this project shall not be copyrighted except with prior written approval by MDT and SHTSB.

**Section XVII: Termination of Contract**
We will give you ten working days notice if it’s in MDT’s best interest to terminate the agreement. Inadequate performance is a reason for contract termination.

If during the term of this agreement, federal funds become reduced or eliminated, the department may immediately terminate or reduce the grant award upon written notice to the project director.

We will reimburse only approved actual expenses incurred to the date of termination.
Section XVIII: Legal Relations
The contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work to be done under this agreement. Any litigation over the terms of this agreement will be conducted with the First Judicial District in and for Lewis and Clark County, Montana. For more information about legal relations, please see Section XVIII of the standard agreement.

Section XIX: Exhibits attached to the standard agreement:

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Section XX: Other provisions, if applicable
This section will document all other provisions including waived requirements.
Chapter 4
Project costs

General
This chapter sets forth basic principles for determining allowable costs.

The application of these principles is based on the fundamental premise that:

- Contractors will administer the project efficiently and effectively using sound management practices.
- Contractors will administer project funds in accordance with the contract, underlying terms and conditions, and project objectives.
- Costs are compatible with the applicable federal requirements from:
  - Highway safety grant funding policy for NHTSA field administered grants
  - 2 CFR Part 215 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations (formerly OMB Circular A-110)
  - 2 CFR Part 220 Cost principles for educational institutions (formerly OMB Circular A–21)
  - 2 CFR Part 225 Cost Principles for state, local, and Indian tribal governments (formerly OMB Circular A–87)
  - 2 CFR Part 230 Cost principles for non-profit organizations (formerly OMB Circular A–122)
    http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/
  - OMB Circular A-133 Audits of states, local governments, and non-profit organizations
    www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html
Definitions

**Applicable credits** Receipts or reductions of expenditure-type transactions that offset or reduce expense items allocable to grants as direct or indirect costs.

For example: purchase discounts, rebates or allowances, recoveries or indemnities on losses, insurance refunds or rebates, and adjustments of overpayments or erroneous charges.

**Cost** The amount of money or value exchanged for property or services as determined on a cash, accrual, or other recognized accounting basis.

**Direct allocations** Costs shared among your various projects or funding sources (joint costs such as depreciation, rental costs, operation and maintenance of facilities, telephone expenses) that are prorated individually as direct costs using a base which accurately measures the benefits received by each contracted activity (proportionality). To be reimbursed as a project cost, direct allocations must be identified in the budget and MDT must approve distribution methods.

**Direct cost** Those expenses which can be charged directly as a part of the cost of a product or service, or of a government unit or operating unit. These are distinguished from overhead and other indirect costs which must be prorated among several products or services, or governmental units or operating units.

**Indirect costs** Those expenditures incurred which by their nature cannot be readily associated with a specific project, e.g. building rental and utilities costs. These expenses can be prorated to the project based on benefit received from the expense.
**Supplanting**

Those expenditures which replace routine and/or existing expenditures with the use of NHTSA grant funds and/or using NHTSA grant funds for costs of activities that constitute general expenses required to carry out the overall responsibilities of state, local, or federally-recognized Indian tribal governments.

**Supplanting is an unallowable cost.**

**Total project costs**

Total project costs consist of the allowable direct costs of the project, plus its allocable portion of allowable indirect costs, less applicable credits and program revenue. Or,

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\text{direct costs} + \text{indirect costs} - \text{applicable credits/program revenue} = \text{total project costs}
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**What can I spend grant monies on?**

For costs to be eligible for reimbursement, they must be:

- necessary and reasonable for the project
- authorized and not prohibited under state or local laws/regulations
- consistent with contractor’s regular procedures and apply uniformly to both project-related activities and non-project-related activities
- net of all applicable credits and adequately documented
- authorized in the contract budget.

The following are **not** eligible for reimbursement:

- General governmental expenses
- Prepayments
- Expenses incurred before or after the project period
- Unreimbursed costs shifted from another project
- Costs to replace expenditures previously paid with another funding source (**supplanting**)  

**How do I classify costs as direct or indirect?**

There is no universal rule for classifying specific cost items as either direct or indirect. Under different accounting systems, a cost may be direct with respect to a specific service or function, but indirect with respect to the grant. It is, however, essential that the accounting system treat each cost item **consistently**, either as a direct cost, direct allocation, or an indirect cost.
**Allowable direct costs**

All direct costs are categorized in the standard agreement as personal services and benefits, travel, contracted services, equipment, paid media, supplies ad materials, maintenance, or other direct costs. Examples of typical direct costs reimbursable for each category are listed below. For questions about allowable costs for federal programs, please contact the SHTSB grants accountant at (406) 444-3675.

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<th><strong>Personnel costs</strong></th>
<th>This category should contain only the direct compensation for salaries and fringe benefits of contractor employees hired expressly for the project and for the time and effort spent on project-related activities.</th>
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<td><strong>Salaries</strong></td>
<td>May include wages, salaries, or special compensations provided the cost for the individual employee is: (a) reasonable for the services rendered (b) follows an appointment made in accordance with state or local laws and rules (c) meets federal requirements</td>
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<td><em>Note: Reimbursements of individual salaries that result in a salary savings to the contractor are not allowable (this is considered supplanting).</em></td>
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<td><strong>Fringe Benefits</strong></td>
<td>Employee benefits for authorized absences such as annual leave and sick leave, as well as employer’s contributions to social security, health insurance, workers’ compensation, and the like provided they are granted under approved plans, and are distributed equitably to the grant and all other activities.</td>
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<td><em>Note: Costs for authorized absences are only reimbursable up to the amount earned during the term of the project.</em></td>
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<th><strong>Travel expenses</strong></th>
<th>This category should contain the direct expenses for project-related travel incurred by personnel identified in the budget. Travel related expenses for out-of-state individuals are allowable only if MDT provides prior approval and expenses are for specific services benefiting the project.</th>
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<td>Allowable costs include <strong>transportation, meals, and lodging</strong>, incurred in accordance with the contractor’s documented travel policies. Lodging costs should not exceed the state rate unless written justification is submitted and approved by MDT. If documented policies do not exist, state travel policies will apply. These may be</td>
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obtained from your SHTSB program specialist or viewed online at www.doa.mt.gov/doatravel/travelmain.asp.

Note: Out-of-state trips require individual written trip approval from MDT prior to incurring costs and should have been identified in the proposed project description (exhibit B) of the standard agreement. In the event in-state travel is not specifically provided for in the proposal but becomes necessary, the contractor must submit a travel proposal to SHTSB for approval. Reimbursement for both in-state and out-of-state travel shall be at state or local government rates, or as specifically stated in the project proposal.

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<th>Contractual services</th>
<th>Any professional services necessary to complete project objectives that are not provided by the contractor or staff and associated costs. Contractual agreements are required in accordance with the contractor’s normal procurement procedures.</th>
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<td>This category also applies to mini-grants to subrecipients completing project objectives through an award process.</td>
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<td><strong>Note: You must submit all subcontracts to MDT for approval prior to fully executing the contract (NHTSA policy).</strong></td>
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<th>Equipment</th>
<th>This category should include only those reusable, material property items with a useful life of more than one year, which cost $5,000 or more per item, and are specifically required to carry out project activities.</th>
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<td>Examples of typical traffic safety related equipment:</td>
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<td>✓ radar speed detectors</td>
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<td>✓ in-car videos</td>
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<td>✓ portable breath testers (PBTs)</td>
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<td>The total cost of equipment includes modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for project purposes including tax and shipping, excluding any discounts.</td>
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| Other direct costs | ✓ educational materials  
|                   | ✓ supplies  
|                   | ✓ minor equipment (less than $5,000)  
|                   | ✓ services acquired or consumed for purposes of the project without requiring contractual agreements  
|                   | ✓ funds may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages (but in no case for consumption) in “sting” type operations (compliance checks) as long as the operations are not in conflict with any federal, state, or local laws.  

**Note:** Project funds may not be used to pay for items or services which would not be allowed using the contractor’s own funds. In addition, any shared costs that are prorated as direct costs to the project must have the allocation method reviewed for reimbursement eligibility in advance by MDT.

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<th>New training curricula and materials</th>
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| Meetings and conferences            | Allowable only if the primary purpose is the dissemination of technical information:  
|                                     | ✓ transportation  
|                                     | ✓ rental of meeting facilities  
|                                     | ✓ other incidental costs  

Adequate records must be maintained to document that the primary purpose of the meeting was for dissemination of technical information.
**Indirect costs**

Indirect costs are incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited without effort disproportionate to the results achieved.

| Typical indirect costs | ✓ depreciation and use allowances on equipment  
| ✓ costs of operating facilities and equipment  
| ✓ general administration costs  
| ✓ general expenses  |

**Reimbursement**

We **limit indirect cost reimbursement** for project agreements and their primary contractual service agreements based on the following policies:

- *Permissible limits of federal expenditure guidelines*
  2 CFR Part 225 (formerly OMB Circular A-87)
- *NHTSA funding guidelines* (Highway Traffic Safety Grant Management Manual)

Allowable indirect costs, as defined in 2 CFR Part 225, shall be reimbursed at a predetermined fixed rate based on your indirect cost plan approved by MDT, where applicable.
Unallowable costs

The following is a list of selected costs that are not eligible for reimbursement. For questions or additional information relating to unallowable costs, please contact the SHTSB grants accountant at (406) 444-3675.

**Authority:**
NHTSA Grant Management Policy
State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau Policy

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<td>highway safety appurtenances including longitudinal barriers (such as guardrails)</td>
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<td>regulatory and warning signs and supports, field reference markers, luminaire supports, and utility poles</td>
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| **Training** | × Cost of individual’s salary while pursuing training or the salary of the individual’s replacement, unless their salary is already supported by the project.  
× training employees of federal and military agencies  
× alcoholic beverages for any consumption purposes including controlled training settings for law enforcement |
| **Program administration** | × coffee, bottled water, or any other beverages, candy, donuts, snacks, or any other food items unless it is intended solely to facilitate the meeting. Some facilities include these items in the room costs, which is allowable.  
× any entertainment costs including amusement and social activities and any costs directly associated with such costs (such as tickets to shows or sporting events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities)  
× cost of overnight or courier mail service unless approved by MDT program specialist  
× contributions and donations, including cash, property, and services to others, regardless of the recipient  
× cost of fundraising, including financial campaigns, solicitation of gifts, and similar expenses incurred to raise capital or obtain contributions  
× contributions to a contingency reserve (extra funds set aside to cover changes in the economy), excluding self-insurance reserves  
× fines, penalties, damages, and other settlements resulting from violations or noncompliance  
× costs of commercial insurance that protects the contractor for correction of defects in materials or workmanship  
× costs not recovered under one grant agreement are unallowable under other grant agreements  
× lobbying by state officials who receive NHTSA funds  
× supplanting |
Chapter 5
Implementation and control of approved projects

General
This chapter describes the implementation process for project agreements. Responsibilities for project control are borne by the contractor, project manager, fiscal or accounting official, and MDT. This chapter also contains information on revising project agreements, withholding, reducing, disallowing, or terminating funds, and closing out or terminating projects.

Approved standard agreement
If the project has been approved, MDT will notify the contractor and give authorization to proceed. MDT will provide the contractor with a copy of the approved standard agreement and required forms for grant monitoring. The standard agreement will show an effective start date on Page 1 and termination date on page 2.

Note: Claims for reimbursement may be made only for costs incurred on or after the effective date.
No reimbursement will be provided for expenditures incurred prior to the effective date or after the project period ending date.

Responsibilities

Contractor
✓ Submits application and budget proposal
✓ Coordinates related activities with other agencies working on similar projects
✓ Carries out all tasks and activities specified in the contract
✓ Promptly notifies their MDT program specialist by phone, e-mail, or letter of any changes or problems that arise during the project period
✓ Complies with all applicable state requirements
✓ Ensures budgeted costs are in accordance with the contractor’s standard policies and procedures
✓ Ensures accounting records are maintained that separate and
accurately record project costs

✓ Ensures claims for reimbursement of project costs are limited to those specifically authorized in the project agreement

✓ Ensures costs submitted for reimbursement are allowable and verifiable

✓ Ensures reimbursement requests are prepared using project accounting records or a process that reconciles claims with the project records no less than once a quarter

✓ Participates in periodic operational reviews with their MDT program specialist.

✓ Provides requested documents during SHTSB on-site reviews

✓ Establishes operating procedures and controls that will ensure adequate administration of the project in accordance with the terms of the agreement with emphasis on:
  - Meeting work schedules
  - Maintaining costs within the approved budgets
  - Maintaining sufficient documentation for validation of project progress and accountability for funds expended (Chapter 4)
  - Submitting required project reports (Chapter 7)
  - Conducting project evaluations

If the project director changes during the term of the contract, please submit a letter on company stationery documenting the transfer of authority. The new project director’s signature is needed for our files, and may be submitted in a separate letter, if need be.

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Sometimes, project agreement change(s) are necessary to enhance the operational efficiency of the project. All changes require a contract amendment revision.

Any deviation from the approved budget or project agreement requires prior MDT approval. Revision requests may be made by fax, letter, e-mail, memo, or telephone. Requests must be received by MDT at least seven working days prior to the effective date of the change(s). MDT recommends including documentation, if available, to support the revision request.

The following provides examples of appropriate requests for contract amendments:

- extension to the project dates
- a budgeted cost category increase or transfer over 10%
- significant changes to the project goals and objectives that affect the scope of the project
- significant changes to the method of procedure that affects the project end date
- a redistribution of monies between budget categories
- approval for a specific cost item not included in the original budget but for which funding is available within the appropriate budget category
- travel either in-state or out-of-state that is not identified in exhibit B
- overrun of contract amount

Note: Subgrantees must always discuss changes/revisions to the standard agreement with their MDT program specialist to determine the appropriate method for completing the change.

Approval of contract amendment

MDT will consider the following in determining approval of contract amendment requests:

- current and past performance
- availability of funds
- timeliness and quality of claims and quarterly reports
- circumstances and justification for the request
Consequences for non-compliance

If a project is not being implemented according to the terms of the contract, or if the contractor is violating state or federal laws, MDT’s program specialist has the responsibility to recommend cancellation of the project. MDT’s Planning Division Administrator and the State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau Chief, in consultation with MDT legal staff, will make a determination as to whether or not the contract will be cancelled. The Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety will make the final decision on cancelling any contracts.

MDT will withhold or disallow grant payments, reduce or terminate grant funds, and/or deny future grant funding to contractors that fail to comply with any term or condition of the standard agreement or program guidelines.

This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Failure to submit acceptable and timely reimbursement claims
- Failure to submit acceptable and timely quarterly and final reports

Should MDT deem it necessary to reduce or terminate grant funds, the project director will first receive a letter citing unacceptable project discrepancies, required corrective action, and penalty for not rectifying the discrepancies by a specified deadline.

If corrective action is not taken by the deadline date, the stated penalty will be imposed. Payment for allowable costs up to the date of termination or reduction of grant funds will be subject to negotiation and availability of federal funds.

Termination requested by contractor

Agreements may be rescinded upon written request by the contractor when it is unable to implement the project. Upon review and approval by MDT, an agreement may be terminated without prejudice when the contractor finds it is unable to continue with the work for justified reasons beyond its control. In such circumstances, the contractor must notify MDT immediately and the maximum reimbursement of claimed costs to the date of termination is limited to the actual expenditures incurred.
Project close-out
Immediately following the project ending date, SHTSB mails a reminder letter to the project director by early October of each federal fiscal year. This serves as a reminder of the project end date report requirements, and final reimbursement claim due date.

Fund availability
If, during the term of the contract period, federal funds become reduced or eliminated, MDT may immediately terminate or reduce the grant award upon written notice to the project director.

Limitation on liability
The standard agreement entered into with MDT is subject to any applicable restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the United States Government subsequent to the execution of the standard agreement. The contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work done under this agreement. In the event of litigation over this agreement, the venue shall be in the First Judicial District in and for the County of Lewis and Clark, Montana, and the documents shall be interpreted according to the laws of Montana.

The contractor shall be responsible for the settlement of any and all claims and lawsuits arising from or incident to MDT’s non-payment of the contractor’s claim. The contractor expressly acknowledges their responsibility includes the payment of all damages, expenses, penalties, fines, costs, charges, and attorney fees, if the claims and lawsuits are based upon MDT’s non-payment of claims. The contractor shall defend any suits brought upon all such claims and lawsuits. The contractor assumes all responsibility for ensuring and enforcing safe working conditions and compliance with all safety-related rules and regulations for the benefit of its own employees, subcontractor employees, and the public.
Chapter 6
Fiscal requirements

General
This chapter describes the contractor’s fiscal responsibilities and requirements related to project accounting and property records. There are specific requirements for project accounting records, equipment management and disposition, record retention, and audits.

In general, it is the contractor’s responsibility to ensure that project costs are:

- Recorded in the contractor’s accounting system in a separate project account
- Incurred in accordance with contractor’s standard procurement policies and procedures
- Supported by detailed source documents that reliably account for funds expended
- Allowable and in accordance with authorized costs defined in the standard agreement

Note: All project transactions are subject to audit. Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any portion of this Contract Management Manual will result in audit exceptions, possibly subsequent loss of funds, and/or possible repayment of funds.

Internal control
Effective control and accountability must be maintained for all MDT grant and sub-grant cash, real and personal property, and other assets. Contractors are responsible for ensuring that all such property is adequately safeguarded, solely for authorized purposes, and included on the fixed asset list.

Accounting records
Any system of accounting may be used as long as it conforms to generally accepted accounting principles. This usually means a contractor may use his/her existing accounting system as long as:

- Records contain pertinent project information, including total project amount authorized, obligations, outlays or expenditures, unobligated balances, and income
- Project revenues and expenditures, including labor, are recorded in special project accounts
• Project expenditures can be clearly identified with authorized budgeted costs

Note: Separate project records should include an itemized list of expenditures for each billing period to facilitate audits of project expenditures and preparation of reimbursement claims.

Adequate source documentation
As mentioned in Chapter 2, costs must be adequately documented in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Here is a list of items you should maintain for each cost category.

| Personal services & benefits | • Timesheets (or personnel activity reports) are required for all professional and nonprofessional staff billed to MDT contracts. |
| Source: 2 CFR Part 230 Cost principles for non-profit organizations (formerly OMB Circular A–122) |
| • For each employee, these reports must be prepared at least monthly and coincide with one or more pay periods. |
| • At a minimum they must contain: |
| ✓ actual number of hours worked on SHTSB and other projects |
| ✓ All activities they were compensated for, whether contract-related or not |
| ✓ Signatures of both the employee and a supervisor with first-hand knowledge of the employee’s activities |
| • Payrolls must be signed by an authorized official of the contractor. |

| Contractual services | • Services provided to the grantee by an individual, organization, firm, or contractor must be supported by a properly executed contractual or intercontractor agreement. |
| • Payments on contractual agreements must be supported by itemized invoices and made in accordance with the terms of the agreement. |
| • Agencies must also maintain records sufficient to detail the history of the procurement. |

Note: See Chapter 6 for detailed information regarding MDT requirements for procurement and administration of reimbursable contractual services.
**Equipment**

- The total cost of equipment includes modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for project purposes including tax, shipping, excluding any discounts.
- Equipment purchases must be supported by purchase orders or other original documents authorizing procurement, signed by appropriate subgrantee with signature authority.
- Itemized invoices must be submitted with reimbursement requests.

**Note:** The contractor must report equipment purchases to MDT within 30 days after purchase using the *Equipment Reporting Form*. MDT uses this form to maintain accountability of equipment acquired for its projects. This form should not replace the contractor’s regular property control records.

**Other direct costs**

- The purchase of any other project supplies, materials, or minor equipment (less than $5,000) or the procurement of services not requiring contractual agreements must be supported by documents authorizing procurement, signed by the appropriate authorities. In addition, itemized invoices as well as properly signed and dated itemized delivery and/or packing slips must be on file.
- Rental or lease costs must be supported by appropriate detailed agreements.

**Indirect costs**

- If indirect costs are anticipated, submit a current cost allocation plan or an indirect cost rate proposal to MDT for approval prior to contract execution.
- Source documentation must be available to support the indirect costs rate authorized by MDT for reimbursement.

**Records retention**

The contractor must retain all project source documents and records and make them available for federal and state audit for a period of three years following the date of the final reimbursement of project expenditures. Records shall be retained beyond this date if audit findings have not been resolved.

*How long must I keep project records?*

Three years after the project ends.
Equipment management requirements

According to state and federal requirements, contractors are accountable to SHTSB for equipment (or portions of equipment) purchased with MDT funds as long as the equipment’s purchase price was $5,000 or more. In order to track NHTSA investment in equipment, however, MDT maintains an informal tracking system for equipment under $5,000.

Contractor procedures for managing project equipment (including replacement equipment) acquired in whole or in part using MDT funds, until disposition takes place, must at a minimum include:

- Adequate controls for safeguarding against loss, damage, or theft of equipment
- Provisions for replacing equipment lost due to circumstances other than normal wear
- Maintenance procedures that will keep equipment in good working condition
- Properly maintained property records with the following information:
  - Description with serial or other unique identification number
  - Acquisition date and total cost
  - Location
  - Percentage of federal participation in cost
  - Ultimate disposition data including date of disposal and sale price

Note: Physical inventory and reconciliation to property records must be performed every two years.

Records and reporting requirements

Property records for project equipment shall be made available in the project file and retained for three years after final disposition of the property or for three years after final project payment is made, whichever is later. Property records are subject to audit by MDT.

The Equipment Reporting Form must be sent to MDT every two years starting from the date of acquisition until the equipment is retired or disposed of. Tracking is done by June 30 in odd-numbered years. The report must include equipment identification information (e.g. serial number), and current location.
The contractor must contact MDT:

- Immediately after discovery of any project equipment loss
- To obtain approval before transferring or conveying project equipment

**Equipment disposition**

At the end of a project that includes an equipment purchase, the contractor must submit an updated *Inventory Report* with their final claim that indicates final disposition using the following criteria:

- Items with a current per-unit cost of more than $5,000 will be retained as long as they will be used, and there is a continued need to accomplish the purpose of the original project, or the items can be used in connection with any other MDT-sponsored activities.
- If the items with a current per-unit cost over $5,000 can no longer be used in connection with any MDT or other federally sponsored activities, please contact MDT to discuss options. For example, MDT may require that the property be returned to MDT for program use by other MDT-funded agencies.

**Single audit requirements**

MDT has the responsibility of ensuring that contractors have complied with the requirements of the *Single Audit Act* in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133.

*Do I need an audit?*

If your entity receives $500,000 or more in federal funds, you must have an audit.

The Montana Department of Administration’s Local Government Services Bureau notifies MDT of those cities, counties, and special districts that have not submitted an audit report or have not indicated to SHTSB that they are exempt each fiscal year.

SHTSB will notify contractors that have not provided an audit and request verification of compliance.

**MDT reviews**

SHTSB staff will conduct periodic reviews of contractor, subrecipient, and subcontractor records for projects funded by MDT. Reviews may be conducted as both on-site and desk reviews to ensure compliance with the provisions of this manual and any other applicable rules. Failure to comply with any of these provisions may result in audit exceptions and subsequent loss of funds. NHTSA and other MDT staff may occasionally accompany SHTSB staff during reviews.
Copyrights/trademarks

MDT reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for federal or state government purposes the copyright/trademark in any work developed under a grant, sub-grant, or contract under a grant or sub-grant.

Program income – records/reporting

The program activities supported by MDT funding may not generate program income.
Chapter 7
Preparation of reimbursement claims

General
SHTSB programs operate on a reimbursement basis. This chapter provides the guidelines for the preparation and submission of claims for project reimbursement.

Contractors are asked to use the Montana Highway Traffic Safety Project Reimbursement Claim Form (exhibit C), which is attached to each contract or available online at www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants.shtml.

- Claims should be prepared using the contractor’s accounting records and based only on recorded costs for the period covered.
- To ensure proper accounting for reimbursements, invoices submitted to MDT should be recorded as a receivable in your accounting system.

Submission guidelines
- Submit reimbursement request with an original authorized signature as listed on the signature page of the standard agreement.
- All required support documents must be attached to the reimbursement request.
- Written delegation for any other official must be on file with MDT, including the signature of the authorized individual. No one, unless previously approved, may sign “for” the designated official listed.

Timeframes
- The timeframe reimbursement claims are due will be documented in Section VI of your standard agreement.
- Final claims are due to MDT no later than 45 days following the project end date, but may not be paid until MDT has received the project’s final report and all supporting documentation.
- We aim to process reimbursement claims within 30 days.
Reimbursement claim preparation

Reimbursement claims should be prepared using the detailed instructions provided in exhibit C. To ensure your claims are not returned and reimbursements are timely, abide by the following criteria:

- Costs claimed match the line items authorized in the budget for each category
- Costs are actual, not rounded off
- Do not use “white-out” or corrective tape
- Attach copies of legible invoices for contractual service and equipment costs
- Attach a signed and completed MDT Equipment Reporting Form for all equipment purchases (must reconcile to invoices submitted)
- Be sure claims are correctly computed and reconciled
- Ensure original, authorized signature is on the claim
- Do not include indirect costs unless you have submitted an Indirect Cost Plan and have received approval of the rate to be charged
- Do not bill for out-of-state travel unless it has been approved by SHTSB before the travel begins or is authorized within the scope of work of the contract. In the event in-state travel is not specifically provided for in the proposal but becomes necessary, said travel shall also have prior approval by the state. Reimbursement for both in-state and out-of-state travel shall be at state or local government rates, or as specifically stated in the project proposal.

Note: Claims not meeting these criteria may be returned and delay reimbursement.
Chapter 8
Procurement & contract administration

General
This chapter highlights the more significant procurement standards that must be adhered to when purchasing goods or services for MDT projects.

There are specific requirements for sole source procurements, procurement records, contractual services, contract management, and contracting with non-profit organizations. In general, agencies may follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurements from its nonfederal funds, provided that those conform to applicable federal laws and standards.

Federal laws and standards
The following federal laws and standards must be adhered to when procuring goods or services for MDT projects. Please contact SHTSB staff if you have any questions as to which apply to your organization.

The Code of Federal Regulations may be viewed online at http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov

- Title 41 CFR, Part 105-71, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements
- Three sections within Title 49 CFR
  — Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements (also known as “The Common Rule”)
  — Part 19, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-profit Organizations
  — Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs
- Four sections within Title 2 CFR
  — 2 CFR Part 215 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations (formerly OMB Circular A-110)
  — 2 CFR Part 220 Cost principles for educational institutions (formerly OMB Circular A–21)
— 2 CFR Part 225 Cost Principles for state, local, and Indian tribal governments (formerly OMB Circular A-87)

— 2 CFR Part 230 Cost principles for non-profit organizations (formerly OMB Circular A-122)
• OMB Circular A-133 Audits of states, local governments, and non-profit organizations
  www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html

• Highway safety grant funding policy for NHTSA field administered grants

State laws and standards
In addition to federal laws and guidelines, all state agencies must comply with contract and procurement policies and procedures as set forth in the Montana Administrative Rules, the Montana Codes Annotated (MCA), and state contracting manuals.

All other entities must have copies of established procurement procedures available for audit purposes upon request by MDT.

Definitions

**Contractor**

• A private or government entity, either state or local, to which an MDT sub-grant is awarded and which is accountable for the use of the funds provided.

• The contractor is the entire legal entity even if only a particular component of the contractor is designated to handle the project. (Also referred to as the subgrantee).

**Community Based Organization (CBO)**

• Local, regional, and/or non-governmental entities, which are organized to work together on a community-based issue, need or problem and are often non-profit corporations (as described in 26 USC 501.C.3).

• CBOs are not “top down” agencies, but evolve over time from mutual interest or need at the community level.

• May also be known as public interest groups, community service groups, injury prevention advocacy groups, and grassroots groups.

Note: To receive MDT funding through a contractor, a CBO must be a legal entity registered with Montana’s Secretary of State.
Procurement standards

When procuring goods or services with sub-grant funds, contractors must ensure costs are both competitive and reasonable.

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<td>• Were there significant deviations from the established practices of the contractor, which may unjustifiably increase MDT’s cost?</td>
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Procurement records

Contractors must maintain records sufficient to detail the significant history of procurement. These records will include, but are not limited to the following:

- A rationale for the method of procurement and selection of contract type
- Written selection procedures and documented reasons for rejections
- The basis for the contract price

Note: Upon request from MDT, procurement documentation must be made available for audit purposes.
Sole source procurements

§ 18–4-306, MCA allows a contract be awarded for a supply or service item without competition under certain circumstances. This is known as “sole source”. The required item must be available only from a single supplier. Circumstances that could necessitate sole source procurement are:

- The compatibility of current services or equipment or replacement parts
- No existent equivalent product
- One source is acceptable or suitable for the supply or service item

Procurement records supporting a sole source approval must be consistent with contractor’s procedures but at a minimum must contain the following:

- Justification why the purchase/service cannot logically and reasonably be made through a competitive bidding process including consequences if not approved
- A list of the vendor’s/contractor’s unique qualifications, experience, etc.
- A cost analysis, i.e., verifying the proposed cost data, the projections of data, and the evaluation of the specific elements of cost is necessary, unless reasonableness can be established on the basis of a catalog or market price of a commercial product sold in substantial quantities to the general public or based on prices set by law or regulation

Note: Sole source approvals should be in accordance with the contractor’s procurement and contracting directives for non-competitive procurement and contracting.

Contractual services

All proposed contracts for consultant or contractual services must be reviewed and approved by MDT prior to contract execution. The contractor must identify any sole sourced contracts when the draft is submitted to MDT. **Costs incurred under contracts not approved in advance by MDT may not be reimbursed.**

A pre-award review will be performed on proposed contracts over $50,000 and other contracts as MDT deems necessary. The review will include:

- A determination of the propriety of amounts set forth in the cost proposal
- A determination of the adequacy of the contractor’s accounting system to segregate and accumulate reasonable allocable and allowable costs for charges to the proposed contract
- A determination that the agreement complies with all state and federal cost criteria
Community based organizations and non-profit corporations/organizations

Contractual agreements with non-profit and community-based organizations or corporations must be on a cost reimbursement basis and include detailed budgets with budget narratives descriptive enough to limit misinterpretation of allowable cost items.

*Note: Contractors are also responsible for conducting pre-award internal control and financial responsibility assessments on CBOs receiving more than $25,000.*

**Contract provisions**

Because agencies generally have their own standard contract format and language, MDT does not dictate a standard format. Within the context of the contractor format, each contract must contain:

- Contract number
- Taxpayer identification number
- Identification of the parties
- Purpose of the contract, expressed in a short paragraph
- Term for the performance or completion of the contract (specific dates/length of time)
- Cost
  - The contract must clearly express the maximum amount to be paid and the basis on which payment is to be made.
  - Enough information must be present to be able to associate specific costs with services, tasks, or other deliverables in order to assess reasonableness of costs.
  - Cost reimbursement contracts must include budgets and budget narratives that clearly define authorized costs and how they relate to the services provided.
- Scope (the work, service, or product to be performed, rendered, or provided)
  - Clear and concise language must be used to describe the scope.
  - The scope of work, or statement of work, should be specific and not be expressed in broad terms.
  - Work to be performed should be broken down into specific tasks and each task should have a corresponding completion date.
• Subcontracting provisions.
  ✓ Any subcontracts are subject to reviews by the state Highway Traffic Safety Bureau.
  ✓ The same general terms, conditions, and certifications (exhibit A) that apply to contractors also apply to subcontractors.

• Reporting requirements.
  ✓ Specify reporting requirements including content, due dates, format, distribution, etc.

• Other general or unique terms and conditions of the agreement.
  ✓ Include the provisions listed in exhibit A.
  ✓ These provisions shall be referenced in the body of the contract and by reference made a part of it.

  Authority: 49 CFR 18.36(i) and NHTSA prescribed certifications and assurances

• Signature, printed name, and title of a person representing each party that is authorized to legally bind that party.

• Date the contract is signed.

Contract management responsibility
The contractor is responsible for the management of all subcontracts issued using MDT funds and must ensure the following:

• Subcontractor’s compliance with contract provisions
• Subcontractor’s services are performed according to the quality, quantity, objectives, timeframes, and manner specified in the contract
• All work is completed and accepted by the contractor before the subcontract expires
• Assess and request amendments, renewals, or new subcontracts as required allowing sufficient time to process, obtain MDT approval, and execute such changes before the subcontract expires or funds are depleted in order to prevent a lapse in service
• Review and approve invoices for payment
• Ensure payments are made in accordance with contract terms and work has been performed
• Monitor subcontract expenditures to ensure there are sufficient funds to pay for all services rendered as required by the subcontract
• Verify all requirements of the contract are fulfilled before approving the final reimbursement claim form
General
This chapter contains information about the project reports that must be submitted to MDT’s State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau in support of the contract. Please see section VI in your standard agreement for details about which reports are required for your contract.

How is reporting information used?
✓ Quarterly reports are the main source of information used to determine project success and commitment.
✓ The information and data provided in all quarterly reports is incorporated in MDT’s annual performance report to NHTSA.

Reporting and claims timetable
The following is a quick reference timetable indicating the due dates for all reports and claim reimbursements:

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Submission guidelines
• Reports must be submitting in writing and signed/dated by the preparer.
• Equipment contracts less than $5,000 do not require quarterly reports, however, a final report and equipment reporting form are required by the end of the contract period.
**Quarterly reports**

A thorough report on project activities conducted during each quarter. Must contain the following:

- Description of activities conducted to achieve goals and objectives
- Relationship of these activities to the project phase or time schedule (are activities on schedule?)
- Current and project-to-date report on progress for each goal and objective
- Comprehensive explanation of any challenges, difficulties, or delays
- Anticipated effect of any delays on total project cost and time schedule
- Detailed plan of action to correct any deficiencies in meeting goals and objectives
- Any additional information requested by your assigned program specialist

*Note: reports are required even if no activities have occurred on the project.*

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**Final report**

One copy of a final report of project accomplishments must be submitted to MDT **within 30 days** after completion of the project.

The final report is used to:

- Determine project impact in reducing or solving identified traffic safety problem
- Determine project contribution to applicant’s/Montana’s Highway Traffic Safety Program
- Evaluate benefits derived in relation to costs incurred
- Assist other agencies with similar program deficiencies

The final report should be creative and resourceful. At a minimum, the final report must include the following factors:

**Personnel**

Identify the key personnel who worked on the project. Provide their job titles and give a brief description of their contribution.
### Goals and objectives
Restate the objectives of the project as identified in the project agreement. This will allow analysis of the report as a self-contained document and will aid the contractor in defining its deficiencies.

### Methodology
Describe in detail how the project was implemented. Explain how each task identified in the project agreement was accomplished.

This information will be helpful to other agencies that may desire assistance in the same program area. MDT can use the methodology description to develop cost ratios for work performed and to develop an outline for implementing similar projects with maximum benefits.

### Problems
Describe any operational or cost problems that were encountered in project implementation. If known, state alternate methods that would have avoided the problem and increased the effectiveness of the project. This information will assist other agencies in avoiding the same problems.

### Results
- Describe in detail the results of the project in terms of meeting each original goal and objective.
- Describe the results in terms of how they will be specifically applied for future improvement of the contractor’s continuing traffic safety program.
- Where possible, describe estimated savings resulting from implementing project results.
- Describe how equipment purchased under the grant was utilized in accomplishing the objectives.

### Implementation schedule
Outline the actual schedule for implementation of the project results, recommendations or countermeasures. Include the amounts budgeted for immediate implementation or the estimated fiscal requirements for future plans.
Documentation

Attach any documents developed as part of the contract implementation.

Examples: new or revised forms, diagrams, management reports, photos, coding manuals, instructional manuals, etc.

Note: All photos and printed materials developed and produced through this grant must be approved by MDT prior to distribution.

A final quarterly report is required for any portion of activity occurring during the final quarter of project operations and may also cover less than a full quarter. Your program specialist may waive the requirement for this last report, unless it falls within the July-September reporting period.

Note: Failure to submit the final report within 30 days after the project end date may result in a loss of grant funds.

Due dates

☑ Within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter or partial quarter that the grant is active (i.e., no later than January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)

☑ Exceptions to this reporting requirement are noted in section III or XX of the standard agreement

☑ Include contractor name, project name, and contract number

☑ Indicate which quarter is being reported

☑ For projects that don’t begin October 1, the first report may not cover a full quarter of activity. The initial quarterly report for a new project is required on the first due date shown above following the effective start date of the project.

☑ The last quarterly report may be incorporated into the final report as long as it is submitted by October 30th. (See page 1 of the standard agreement, Section III, “Reports”.) Please read the requirements for final reports carefully to ensure the combined report contains all the necessary information.

Note: Failure to submit quarterly reports on time may result in the withholding or disallowance of grant payments, the reduction or termination of grant funds, and/or the denial of future grant funding (see Chapter 3).
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INTRODUCTION

The basic funding eligibility factors listed in this document apply to NHTSA field administered grants in accordance with 23 U.S.C. Sections 154, 157, 164, 163, 402, 405, 406, 408, 410, and 411; with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETA-LU), Public Law 109-59, Sections 1906, 2010, and 2011; and with Section 2003(b) of Public Law 105-178. They should be implemented in conjunction with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments; A-21, Cost Principles for Institutions of Higher Education; A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations; and 45 CFR, Subtitle A - Appendix E to Part 74, Principles for Determining Costs Applicable to Research and Development Under Grants and Contract with Hospitals, which provides basic guidance for all Federally assisted programs.

In addition to these cost principles, this grant funding policy is based on governing statutes, regulations and directives, and many of these supporting documents are contained in the Highway Safety Grant Management Manual. Sources include the following:

- 49 CFR-Part 18 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments;


To be allowable, costs must be necessary, reasonable, allocable, and Federal funds must be used in accordance with the appropriate statute and implementing grant regulations or guidance. Grant management rules require governmental units to monitor sub-awards to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and cost principles.

For general criteria for allowable costs, please see Part I. Basic Funding Guidance, Part II. Allowable Costs Under Specific Conditions for Selected Items, or Part III. Unallowable Costs for Selected Items.
General Program Features

SAFETEA-LU PROGRAMS

Section 402 - State and Community Highway Safety Programs (23U.S.C. 402)

Section 402 funds are to be used to support the States’ Performance Plans, which contain performance goals and performance measures, based on the National Priority Program Areas and other problems identified by the States, and Highway Safety Plans for the implementation of programs that address a wide range of highway safety problems that are related to human factors and the roadway environment and that contribute to the reduction of crashes, deaths, and injuries resulting thereof. Section 402 enhances States' programs by providing resources to start up new, more effective projects; by catalyzing or accelerating State programs to address major safety issues with well-planned strategies; and by leveraging additional State and local investment in highway safety.

Prior to fiscal year (FY) 1998, NHTSA and FHWA had separate Section 402 appropriations funding highway safety grant programs. As of FY 1998, the Section 402 funds are all managed by NHTSA, and programs previously eligible for funding under FHWA's program are coded under NHTSA's Roadway Safety.

The Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Programs (23 CFR Part 1200) and Highway Safety Programs; Determinations of Effectiveness (23 CFR Part 1205), provide comprehensive information concerning eligible activities.

Sections 2001 and 2002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) reauthorizes the State and Community Highway Safety formula grant program (Section 402 of chapter 4 of Title 23). A State may use these grant funds only for highway safety purposes; at least 40% of these funds are to be used by or for the direct benefit of political subdivisions of the State to address local traffic safety problems. Each fiscal year the State will sign certifications and assurances that the State complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding.

Section 405 - Occupant Protection Incentive Grant (23 U.S.C. 405)

Section 2004 of SAFETEA-LU reauthorized Section 405 which encourages States to adopt and implement effective programs to reduce deaths and injuries from riding unrestrained or improperly restrained in motor vehicles. A State may use these grant funds only to implement and enforce occupant protection programs.

Section 406 - Incentive Grants to Support Increased Safety Belt Use Rates (23...
Section 2005 of SAFETEA-LU establishes a new program of incentive grants (under Section 406 of chapter 4 of Title 23) to encourage the enactment and enforcement of primary safety belt use laws and encourage increased safety belt use. A State may use these grant funds for any behavioral highway safety purpose or for any project that corrects or improves a hazardous roadway location or feature or proactively addresses highway safety problems. However, at least $1 million of amounts received by each State must be obligated for behavioral highway safety activities.

Section 408 – State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements Grants (23 U.S.C. 408)

Section 2006 of SAFETEA-LU establishes a new program of incentive grants (under Section 408 of chapter 4 of Title 23) to encourage States to adopt and implement effective programs to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and accessibility of State data that is needed to identify priorities for national, State, and local highway and traffic safety programs; to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to make such improvements; to link these State data systems, including traffic records, with other data systems within the State; and to improve the compatibility of the State data system with national data systems and data systems of other States to enhance the ability to observe and analyze national trends in crash occurrences, rates, outcomes, and circumstances. A State may use these grant funds only to implement such data improvement programs.

Section 410 - Alcohol Impaired Driving Countermeasures (23 U.S.C. 410)

Section 2007 of SAFETEA-LU amended the alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures incentive grant program (under Section 410 of chapter 4 of Title 23) to encourage States to adopt and implement effective programs to reduce traffic safety problems resulting from individuals driving while under the influence of alcohol. A State may use these grant funds to implement the eight impaired driving programmatic grant criteria as well as costs for high visibility enforcement; the costs of training and equipment for law enforcement; the costs of advertising and educational campaigns that publicize checkpoints, saturation patrols or other law enforcement traffic maneuvers, increase law enforcement efforts and target impaired drivers under 34 years of age; the costs of a State impaired operator information system, and the costs of vehicle or license plate impoundment.

Section 1906 – Grant Program to Prohibit Racial Profiling (P. L. 109-59, Section 1906)

Section 1906 of SAFETEA-LU establishes a new grant program to encourage States to enact and enforce a law that prohibits the use of racial profiling in highway law enforcement, and to maintain and allow public inspection of statistical information for each motor vehicle stop on Federal-aid highways in the State regarding the race and
ethnicity of the driver and any passengers. States may use the grants for collecting and maintaining data on traffic stops; evaluating the results of such data; and developing and implementing programs to reduce the occurrence of racial profiling, including training.

**Section 2010 – Motorcyclist Safety Grants (P. L. 109-59, Section 2010)**

Section 2010 of SAFETEA-LU establishes a new program of incentive grants to encourage States to adopt and implement effective programs to reduce the number of single and multi-vehicle crashes involving motorcyclists. A State may use these grants funds only for motorcyclist safety training and motorcyclist awareness programs, including improvement of training curricula, delivery of training, recruitment or retention of motorcyclist safety instructors, and public awareness and outreach programs.

**Section 2011 – Child Safety and Child Booster Seat Incentive Grants (P. L. 109-59, Section 2011)**

Section 2011 of SAFETEA-LU establishes a new incentive grant program to make grants available to States that are enforcing a law requiring any child riding in a passenger vehicle who is too large to be secured in a child safety seat to be secured in a child restraint that meets the requirements prescribed under section 3 of Anton’s Law (49 USC 30127 note; 116 Stat. 2772). These grant funds may be used only for child safety seat and child restraint programs.

**Section 154 - Open Container Requirements (23 U.S.C. 154)**

The TEA-21 Restoration Act established a program to encourage States to enact Open Container laws. A State that does not have a conforming Open Container law by the beginning of a fiscal year, starting with fiscal year 2001, will have certain Federal-aid highway funds transferred to the States Section 402 State and Community Highway Safety grant program during that fiscal year. These funds can be used for alcohol-impaired driving programs and hazard elimination programs. Section 154 funds used for Alcohol take on the same characteristics as Section 402 funds, and Section 154 funds used for Hazard Elimination take on the same characteristics as FHWA’s Section 148 funds. (SAFETEA-LU amended Section 154 to replace Section 152 with Section 148.)

**Section 164 - Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for DWI or DUI (23 U.S.C. 164)**

The TEA-21 Restoration Act established a program to encourage States to enact Repeat Intoxicated Driver laws. A State that does not have a conforming Repeat Intoxicated Driver law by the beginning of a fiscal year, starting with fiscal year 2001, will have certain Federal-aid highway funds transferred to the State’s Section 402 State and Community Highway Safety grant program during that fiscal year. These funds can be used for alcohol-impaired driving programs and hazard elimination programs. Section 164 funds used for Alcohol take on the same characteristics as Section 402 funds, and Section 164 funds used for Hazard Elimination take on the same characteristics as
FHWA’s Section 148 funds. (SAFETEA-LU amended Section 164 to replace Section 152 with Section 148.)

Pre-SAFETEA-LU PROGRAMS

**Section 153 - Use of Safety Belts and Motorcycle Helmets (23 U.S.C. 153)**

Section 153 Transfer funds are to be used for the same purposes as the Section 402 funds (see preceding section). States that fail to put into effect complying safety belt laws, beginning October 1, 1993, experience a transfer of funds from certain Federal-aid highway programs to their highway safety program. For additional information on the use of the transfer funds, please refer to the July 19, 1994 Policy Memorandum entitled NHTSA/FHWA Guidance: Section 153 Transfer Funds and 23 CFR Part 1215, Use of Safety Belts and Motorcycle Helmets: Compliance and Transfer-of-Funds Procedures.

**Section 157 - Safety Incentive Grants for Use of Seatbelts (23 U.S.C. 157)**

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) established a program of incentive grants to encourage States to increase safety belt use rates. A State may use these grant funds for any project eligible for assistance under Title 23 U.S.C., including highway safety and highway construction programs. Funds allocated to highway safety can be used under Sections 402, 405,410, & 411, and they take on the characteristics of the program in which they are used. Funds allocated to highway construction programs are administered by the State’s Highway Agency and FHWA.

**Section 157 - Safety Innovative Grants for Increasing Seatbelt Use Rates (23 U.S.C. 157)**

TEA-21 established a program of discretionary grants to encourage States to increase safety belt use rates. A State may use these funds only to implement plans, approved by NHTSA, to boost safety belt use through effective enforcement, targeted public information, multi-faceted partnerships, improved legislation, and other appropriate measures.

**Section 163 - Safety Incentives to Prevent the Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons (23 U.S.C. 163)**

TEA-21 established a program of incentive grants to encourage States to establish 0.08% blood alcohol concentration (BAC) as the legal limit for drunk driving offenses. A State may use these grant funds for any project eligible for assistance under Title 23. Funds allocated to highway safety can be used for Sections 402, 405,410, & 411, and they take on the characteristics of the program in which they are used.

Note: These funds are retained by FHWA and accounted for by the State’s Highway agency. Specific codes, QN1 for NHTSA highway safety programs and QO8 for Federal-Aid highway type programs, have been established to allow for separate
Section 411 - State Highway Safety Data Improvements (23 U.S.C. 411)

TEA-21 established a program of incentive grants to encourage States to adopt and implement effective programs to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, and accessibility of State data that is needed to identify priorities for national, State, and local highway and traffic safety programs; to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to make such improvements; to link these State data systems, including traffic records, with other data systems within the State; and to improve the compatibility of the State data system with national data systems and data systems of other States to enhance the ability to observe and analyze national trends in crash occurrences, rates, outcomes, and circumstances. A State may use these grant funds only to implement such data improvement programs.

Section 2003b - Child Passenger Protection Education Grants (P. L. 105-178, Section 2003(b))

TEA-21 established a program of incentive grants to encourage States to implement child passenger protection programs. A State may use these grant funds to implement programs that are designed to prevent deaths and injuries to children; educate the public concerning the proper installation of child restraints; and train child passenger safety personnel concerning child restraint use.

PART I. Basic Funding Guidance

The provisions of OMB Circulars A-87, A-21, A-122, and 45 CFR, Subtitle A - Appendix E to Part 74 are applicable (depending on the identity of the entity incurring the cost) for general determination of allowable costs, and are controlling in the event of a conflict with NHTSA grant policy, except where inconsistent with statute. For the purposes of determining allowable costs, the following criteria apply: (See also Appendix A for items 3, 4, and 5 below)

- Allowable costs must be necessary, reasonable and allocable, and funds must be used in accordance with the appropriate statute and implementing grant regulations.
- Costs must be consistent with the authorizing statute and implementing regulation, guidance and must not be in violation of Federal, State and local laws.

A. Planning and Administration Costs

As outlined in 23 CFR 1252, P&A costs are those direct and indirect expenses that are attributable to the overall management of the State's Highway Safety Plan. Costs
include salaries and related personnel benefits for the Governors' Representatives for Highway Safety and for other technical, administrative, and clerical staff for the States' Highway Safety Offices. P&A costs also include other office costs, such as travel, equipment, supplies, rent and utility expenses necessary to carry out the functions of the States' Highway Safety Offices.

1. Funding Ceiling for P&A:

Section 402 (including Sections 157 Incentive & 163 designated as 402 funds)

○ A maximum of 10% of annual Section 402 program funds is available as an administrative takedown. NOTE: Indian Nations are exempt.

Section 406

○ A maximum of 10% Section 406 program funds is available as an administrative takedown.

New Primary Law States and Safety Belt Performance States

○ These States receive their Section 406 grant funds on a one-time basis and are allowed to carry-forward their unspent P&A into future fiscal years but must program P&A in the first year they receive Section 406 funds, otherwise they will lose this option.

Pre-2003 Primary Law States

○ These States may receive their Section 406 grant funds in installments each fiscal year until they receive their one-time grant total. Pre-2003 Primary Law States must program P&A in each year they receive Section 406 funds, otherwise they will lose this option and have to wait until the following year to program new Section 406 funds to P&A.

Section 410 Funds under SAFETEA-LU

○ A maximum of 10% of annual Section 410 program funds.

Sections 154 & 164 funds Transferred to Section 402

○ A maximum of 10% of annual Section 154 or 164 transfer funds

Note: The amount a State programs for 410 P&A, 154 P&A and/or 164 P&A must be related to the costs of planning and administration for only the alcohol programs and hazard elimination programs supported with these funds; these
funds can not be used to offset the planning and administrative costs for highway safety programs in general, as is the case for P&A in the non-transfer portion of the Section 402 program. This is because the use of Sections 410 funds is limited to alcohol programs and the use of Section 154 or 164 transfer funds is limited to alcohol programs and hazard elimination programs. For example, 154 or 164 P&A funds may be used to cover the costs a highway safety office incurs in developing and implementing new accounting procedures for hazard elimination programs, but not for the P&A costs to operate the Section 402 program.

2. Matching Requirements for P&A:

**Section 402 (including Section 157 Incentive and Section 163 designated as 402 funds and 154 & 164 funds Transferred to Section 402) and Section 410 under SAFETEA-LU.**

- The Federal P&A share shall not exceed 50% of total P&A costs, except for select States using the sliding scale for match (See NHTSA Order 462-6C).
- No match is required for Section 163 funds, Sections 154 or 164 funds transferred to Section 402.
- No match is required for U.S. Territories (23 U.S.C. 120(i)), or for Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments (23 CFR 1252) under the Indian highway safety program.

**Section 406**

- No match is required.

B. **Matching Requirements**

The State matching amount is calculated as a percentage of the total (Federal and State) program costs. **NOTE:** Those States affected by nontaxable Indian lands, Public Domain lands; National Forest, National Parks and Monuments that qualify for "Sliding Scale Matching Rates" should refer to NHTSA Order 462-6C.

**Section 402, 408, 1906 & 2003(b) (including Section 157 Incentive designated as 402 funds)**

- Federal share is not to exceed 80%.
- No match is required for U.S. Territories, or for the Indian Highway Safety Program.
SAFETEA-LU – Sections 405 & 410; TEA21 - Sections 405, 410, & 411 (including Section 157 Incentive designated as 405, 410, or 411 funds)

- Federal share is not to exceed 75% the first and second years.
- Federal share is not to exceed 50% the third and fourth years.
- Federal share is not to exceed 25% the fifth year and beyond (where applicable).
- No match is required for U.S. Territories, or for the Indian Highway Safety Program

NOTE: For SAFETEA-LU Section 405, first year begins in FY2004 for States awarded FY2004 and FY2005 TEA-21 grants.

Section 2011

- Federal share is not to exceed 75% the first, second, and third years.
- Federal share is not to exceed 50% the fourth year.

Sections 406, 153, 154, 157, 163, 164 & 2010 funds Transferred to the Section 402 Program

- No match is required.

C. Political Subdivisions Participation

Political subdivisions are State-recognized administrative units having highway safety responsibilities below the State level and responsive to an electorate residing within a defined geographic area of the State.

Section 402 (including Section 157 Incentive & 163 designated as 402 funds)

- At least 40% of the total Federal annual obligation limitations must be used by or for the benefit of political subdivisions of the State, unless waived in writing (DC, Puerto Rico, and Territories). **NOTE:** Does not apply to Section 157 Innovative and Indian Nations - see below.

- A total of 95% of the funds apportioned to the Secretary of Interior for Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments is for local benefit/participation (i.e. for the benefit of Indian tribes).
Sections 153, 154 & 164 funds Transferred to the Section 402 Program

- At least 40% of the total Federal annual obligation limitation is to be used by or for the benefit of political subdivisions of the State. **Note:** 40% requirement doesn't apply to Sections 154 & 164 funds designated as Hazard Elimination.

D. **Proportionate Funding**

For all activities and equipment to be funded, which have components both related and unrelated to a highway safety grant, the Federal Government share shall be based proportionately on the projected utilization for the Federal (NHTSA) grant purposes. For example, the NHTSA participation in the cost of Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometers for quantitative testing of drug evidential samples shall be on a pro rata basis. If a State laboratory department plans to use this equipment 20% of the time to identify drugged driving evidence and 80% of the time to identify non-traffic related evidence, the NHTSA participation must not exceed 20% of the total cost of the equipment.

PART II. **Allowable Costs under Specified Conditions or Limitations for Selected Items:**

The following costs are allowable under specified conditions. In the event of a conflict between this section and OMB Circular A-87, A-21, A-122, or 45 CFR, Subtitle A - Appendix E to Part 74, the provisions of the applicable Circular will be controlling (except where inconsistent with statute). The State may request additional information relating to allowable and unallowable cost items from the NHTSA Regional Office.

A. **Equipment**

1. Cost of purchases for **new and replacement equipment** with a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost per unit (including accessory items essential to its operation) of $5,000 or more must be pre-approved by the appropriate grant-approving official(s). The approval may be part of the approval of the Performance Plan or part of a separate written request describing how the equipment would support the State's highway safety program.

2. NHTSA funds programmed to Roadway Safety may be used for the purchase and installation of **regulatory and warning signs and supports and field reference markers** designed specifically to meet FHWA- endorsed standards only for roads off the Federal-aid system (i.e. local roads or rural minor collectors).

3. **Costs** for the following items are **subject to compliance** with any applicable
standards and performance specifications and inclusion on the applicable Conforming Products List (CPL) established by NHTSA, the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), the American College of Surgeons or by other nationally recognized standard-setting agencies (or by State standards and performance specifications, as long as they are at least as stringent as applicable national standards and performance specifications):

a. **Police traffic** enforcement, speed-measuring devices, automated speed-measuring systems, red light camera systems, or other enforcement technologies, and systems used to identify and collect evidence for presentation in court and costs for certification testing of such enforcement technologies, devices and systems used by the police when conducted at testing laboratories established by NHTSA (a comprehensive list can be found online on NHTSA’s website).

b. **Alcohol/drug testing devices** and costs for re-certification of such devices (a comprehensive list can be found online on NHTSA’s website).

c. **Ambulance** costs not to exceed 25% for Federal share, unless the State submits to the appropriate NHTSA grant-approving official documentation supporting a higher percentage of highway safety utilization. Minimum requirements for an ambulance include: (1) meeting the GSA Federal Ambulance Specifications (KKK series); (2) being equipped in accordance with the essential equipment list recommended by the American College of Surgeons; (3) containing space for two litter patients and 60 inches of headroom for EMT's; (4) being manned by a minimum of one basic level EMT; and (5) having exterior vehicle lighting sufficient for identification as an ambulance.

d. **Helicopter** costs, not to exceed 25% for Federal share, unless the State submits to the appropriate NHTSA grant-approving official documentation supporting a higher percentage of highway safety utilization. Helicopters must be equipped for emergency medical services (EMS) missions and for police traffic safety functions related to law enforcement, with an absolute priority accorded to EMS duty needs for crash site victim removal. Activity logs must be maintained to verify highway safety use and expenditure.

e. **Automated External Defibrillators (AED)** costs, not to exceed 25% for Federal share. AED are to be used for training EMS personnel only. AED CANNOT be used to equip ambulances (or police cars or offices).

f. **Fixed wing aircraft** costs, not to exceed 25% for Federal share, unless the
State submits to the appropriate NHTSA grant-approving official documentation supporting a higher percentage of highway safety utilization. Activity logs must be maintained to verify highway safety use and expenditures.

B. **Travel**

Costs for travel-related expenses for **out-of-State individuals** are allowable, provided such expenses are for specific services benefiting the host State's highway safety program.

C. **Training**

1. Costs of **training personnel (but not Federal civilian or military employees)**, for highway safety purposes are allowable when the training supports the objectives of the State's highway safety program. (See "Unallowable Costs" in Part III., Sections C.1. and C.2. under Training of this document). Training for Department of the Interior personnel who are assigned Section 402 responsibilities is covered under the 5% administrative take down.

2. Development costs of **new training curricula and materials** are allowable if they will not duplicate materials already developed for similar purposes by U.S. DOT/NHTSA/FHWA or by States. Costs are allowable to modify existing materials to meet particular State and local instructional needs.

3. Cost are allowable for **portable skid platforms and driving simulators**. However, proposed plans for this equipment need to be part of a NHTSA-approved training program. If the total cost of the skid platforms and driving simulators exceeds $5,000, it falls into the major purchases category and requires NHTSA prior approval.

D. **Program Administration**

1. Costs are allowable for highway safety **consultant services** from universities, public agencies, non-government organizations and individuals for State or local highway safety support services or products consistent with the applicable OMB Circular, provided applicable State procurement procedures are followed and the State's official contract and procurement manual is maintained in the State's Highway Safety Office.

2. Costs are allowable to support a specific highway safety project with **promotional activities**, which offer incentives or encourage the general public to adopt highway safety practices. Documentation must be available to show that such activities do not violate State law. Promotional items and activities **must directly** relate to the project objectives.
3. Federal grant funds may be expended in **support of police-directed operations** to uncover unlawful practices associated with minimum drinking age laws. Funds may be utilized in the **purchase of alcoholic beverages** (also see Part III, D.4.), but in no case for consumption, in "sting" type operations as long as the operations are not in conflict with any Federal, State or local laws.

4. Costs of **meetings and conferences**, where the primary purpose is the dissemination of highway safety-related technical information, are allowable, including meals, transportation, rental of meeting facilities, and other incidental costs. Adequate records must be maintained to document that the primary purpose of the meeting was for dissemination of technical information.

E. **Public Communications**

Costs are allowed for the purchase of program **advertising space** in the mass communication media as part of a comprehensive program designed to address specific highway safety goals identified in a state's Performance Plan. This includes the purchase of television, radio time, cinema, internet, print media, and billboard space (See 402 Purchase Media Guidance in the Highway Safety Grant Management Manual for additional conditions or limitations). **Note:** Television public service announcements and advertising created with the aid of Federal funds must contain closed-captioning of the verbal content.

**PART III. Unallowable Costs for Selected Items:**

The following items are **unallowable**:

A. **Facilities and Construction**

1. Costs for **highway construction, maintenance, or design** (other than design of safety features of highways incorporated into Roadway Safety guidelines).

2. Costs for **construction or reconstruction** of permanent facilities, such as paving, driving ranges, towers, and non-portable skid pads.

3. Costs for **highway safety appurtenances** including longitudinal barriers (such as guardrails), sign supports (except as allowed under Allowable Costs with Conditions for selected Items, Part II.A.2.), luminaire supports, and utility poles. (FHWA safety construction Federal-aid funds are available.)

4. Costs for construction, rehabilitation, or remodeling for any buildings or structures or for purchase of **office furnishings and fixtures**. The following are some examples of those items:
5. The cost of land (except for Section 2010 motorcycle safety grant funds used to purchase facilities which include the purchase of land).

B. Equipment

1. Costs for the purchase of both fixed and portable truck scales. (Motor Carrier safety program funds are available for truck scales.)

2. Costs for traffic signal preemption systems. (FHWA Federal-aid highway program funds are available.)

C. Training

1. Costs to pay for an individual's salary while pursuing training or to pay the salary of the individual's replacement, which is considered supplanting, except to the extent that the individual's salary is already supported with highway safety funds under an approved project.

2. Costs of training employees of Federal and military agencies. Note: Training for Department of the Interior personnel who are assigned Section 402 responsibilities are covered under the 5% administrative take down.

D. Program Administration

1. Supplanting, including: (a.) replacing routine and/or existing State or local expenditures with the use of Federal grant funds and/or (b.) using Federal grant funds for costs of activities that constitute general expenses required to carry out the overall responsibilities of State, local, or Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments.

2. NHTSA highway safety grant funds designated for any research purposes for which funds are authorized under 23 USC 403.

3. NHTSA highway safety grant funds used to defray expenses incurred or sought to be incurred for activities of Federal civilian or military agencies or employees. Note: For Department of the Interior, personnel expenditures for the Section 402 program are covered under the 5% administrative take down.

4. Alcoholic beverages (also see Part II, D.3.) for any consumption purposes,
including controlled settings for the training of law enforcement officers in techniques for determining driver impairment.

5. Costs of entertainment, including amusement and social activities and any costs directly associated with such costs (such as tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities).

6. NHTSA highway safety grant funds for commercial drivers compliance with specific Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

E. Lobbying

1. Federal - the cost of influencing the U.S. Congress and Federal agency officials for activities associated with obtaining grants, contracts, cooperative agreements or loans.

2. State and Local - No Federal funds may be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., grassroots) lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.
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<td>State will maintain its aggregate expenditures from all other sources for child safety seat and child restraint programs at or above the average level of such expenditures in its 2 fiscal years preceding the date of enactment of SAFETEA-LU. Child Safety seat purchases limited to 50% of annual award.</td>
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Update on Lobbying Restrictions on State Officials Who Receive NHTSA Funds

By memorandum of February 25, 2000, we summarized the impact of then new lobbying restrictions on State officials who administer or whose salaries are supported, in whole or in part, by NHTSA funds. Since that time, some of the restrictions discussed in that memo have changed. The purpose of this memorandum, which supersedes our February 25, 2000 memo, is to update you and members of your staff on existing restrictions on lobbying activity by State officials supported by NHTSA funds.


Restriction on Grassroots Lobbying

The Anti-Lobbying Act, which Congress broadened in scope in 2002, prohibits the use of appropriated funds, directly or indirectly, to pay for:

- any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone, letter, printed or written matter, or other device intended or designed to influence in any manner a member of Congress, a jurisdiction, or an official of any government, to favor, adopt, or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation, whether before or after the introduction of any bill, measure, or resolution proposing such legislation, law, ratification, policy or appropriation.

Violators are subject to a fine of not more than $500, imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, and removal from office.

The Act prohibits the use of Federal funds for "grassroots" lobbying campaigns that encourage third parties, members of special interest groups or the general public to
contact members of Congress or of a State or local legislature or an official of any
government in support of or in opposition to a legislative, policy or appropriations matter.
It applies to activities both before and after the introduction of legislation.

These prohibitions apply to all DOT funds, including NHTSA funds awarded to States
under grants, cooperative agreements and contracts. Accordingly, these prohibitions
apply to State officials whose salaries are supported, in whole or in part, by NHSTA
funds.

**TEA-21 Restrictions on Lobbying State and Local Legislators**

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), which was enacted in
1998, prohibits the use of NHTSA funds for "any activity specifically designed to urge a
State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative
proposal pending before any State or local legislative body."

This prohibition imposes additional lobbying restrictions on NHTSA, such as by
prohibiting agency officials from:

- Visiting or sending letters to State or local legislators, urging them to
  favor or oppose specific State or local legislation pending in those
  jurisdictions; or

- Developing and providing to anyone (including lobbyists) materials
designed expressly to advocate for the enactment or repeal of specific
pending State or local legislation.

It is the agency's continued view, however, that these restrictions do not apply to State
officials engaged in State-sanctioned communications with their legislatures, even if their
salaries are supported, in whole or in part, with NHTSA funds. We believe that any direct
communications between State executive officials and State or local legislators properly
are governed by the laws, regulations and customary practice in the State.

**Special Provision in TEA-21 regarding Testimony**

Although TEA-21 restricts communications between NHTSA officials and State or local
legislators, the TEA-21 restriction "does not prohibit officers or employees of the United
States from testifying before any State or local legislative body in response to the
invitation of any member of that legislative body or a State executive office."
Accordingly, State executive officials should note that they (as well as members of a
State or local legislative body) are authorized to invite Federal officials to testify before
that legislative body on pending legislation. (NHTSA officials have been advised that any
such invitation should be documented in writing.)
If you or your staff have questions or need further information regarding lobbying restrictions, please contact John Donaldson, Assistant Chief Counsel for Legislation and General Law.
In order to be reimbursed for travel expenses associated with activities sponsored by the state Highway Traffic Safety Bureau, each traveler must complete the Montana Department of Transportation Travel Reimbursement Claim Form (attached).

**Personal information**
Traveler must note the name of the person, company or organization who will be receiving the reimbursement.

- If it is the traveler, he/she must submit their personal social security number.
- If the reimbursement is to go to a company or organization other than the traveler, the tax payer ID of that company or organization is to be documented.
- If traveler is a Native American and their travel costs are being reimbursed to the tribe, the tribe’s name and tax payer ID must be documented as the organization receiving reimbursement.
- If the traveler is a federal or state employee traveling in the normal course of their duties, reimbursement will not be authorized.

**Meal reimbursement**
Receipts are not required for meal reimbursement. Please review the meal time frames carefully. If a meal is included as part of the meeting or conference, you may not request reimbursement.

- $5 for breakfast, if traveling prior to the beginning of your regular work shift and for more than 3 continuous hours.
- $6 for lunch, if traveling more than 3 continuous hours between 10:01 am and 3:00 pm.
- $12 for dinner, if traveling more than 3 continuous hours between 3:01 pm and 12:00 midnight.

**Lodging**

- All hotel receipts must accompany the Travel Reimbursement Claim Form. Overnight stays at hotels/motels will be reimbursed at the official state rate for that specific timeframe and city.
- See the reverse side of the travel claim form for varying lodging rates in our federally classified high cost cities, or view online at www.doa.mt.gov/doatravel/travelmain.asp (click on “federal lodging rate guidelines”).
- Reimbursement will not be authorized for such things as: room amounts higher than the single room official state rate, telephone calls (including information 411 calls) from the room, gratuities, and movie rentals.
- Travelers lodging with friends or relatives may note this on their Travel Reimbursement Claim Form and will be reimbursed a flat fee of $12 per night.

**Mileage**
Miles traveled will be reimbursed using actual odometer readings or calculated using the official Montana state map mileage. Actual or map mileage will be reimbursed at the current state rate for mileage.

**Signature**
Traveler must sign and date the Travel Reimbursement Claim Form.
**Travel Reimbursement Claim Form**

**Name of Person Traveling**

**Reimbursement Made to:**

**Mailing Address:**

City  
State  
Zip

**Social Security Number**

Payment can not be made without a taxpayer I. D. number

**Are you a Federal employee traveling on federal business?**

Yes  
No

**email address**

**Phone Number**

**Reason for reimbursement**

(ie meeting, seminar, workshop, etc)

**Date(s) of travel**

From  
to

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**Lodging:**

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If no odometer readings available, official state map mileage will be used.

**Other:**

**Total Reimbursement**

**Claimant Signature**

**Date**

**State Highway Traffic Safety Office Use:**

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Negotiations between MDT and Contractor

1. Identify project directors and points of contact
2. Incorporate above positions and names into body of the text of the Contract
3. Develop Exhibit B Scope of Work

Out for First Set of Signatures

1. Send to MDT Human Rights
2. Send to MDT Legal

Back to SHTSB

Out for Second Set of Signatures

1. Send to Contractor’s project director for review
2. Project director to Contractor’s authorizing signor

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Out for Third Set of Signatures

1. Send to MDT Director for final signature

Back to SHTSB

Active Contract

1. Send one original to Contractor for records
2. Keep one original with SHTSB for MDT records

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