

Traffic Safety Program

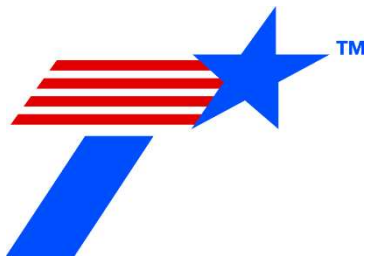
FY 2026 Request for Proposals

Driver Education Training Initiative

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Purpose

Traffic crashes are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people (ages 15 - 18). This is most often due to younger drivers having the most limited driving experience and training and results in risk-taking behind the wheel. The Driver Education Training Initiative provides funds to high schools to conduct driver education courses. The goal is to reduce fatal or serious-injury (KA) crashes where younger drivers (under aged 25) were involved. The strategy is to train teens aged 15-18 in a traditional classroom and behind-the-wheel setting that includes the latest advances in methodology, subject matter, and technology and by certified instructors.

In accordance with 43 TAC §25.901, et seq., the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is requesting projects in which the strategy is to train teens aged 15-18 in instructor-led driver education training courses that are consistent with the latest advances in methodology, subject matter, and technology. The goal is to increase public knowledge, perception and understanding of driver education and traffic safety for all road users.

Projects submitted through this RFP will be reviewed for inclusion in the FY 2026 Annual Grant Application (AGA), which will be submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for approval and funding.

Project Details

The Driver Education Training Initiative are funds earmarked for public independent school districts (ISDs) to train teens aged 15-18 in instructor-led driver education training courses that are consistent with the latest advances in methodology, subject matter, and technology as mandated by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

- a. The total funding amount for each ISD shall not exceed \$20,000.
- b. The target goal and objective of this project is to train a minimum of twenty (20) teens aged 15-18 in instructor-led driver education courses by 9/30/2026.
- c. Activities, at a minimum, must include:
 - Conduct thirty-two (32) hours per course of state-mandated classroom education, including the DPS written test.

- Conduct fourteen (14) hours per course of state-mandated in-car instruction (7 hours of drive time and 7 hours of observation).
- Conduct one (1) CarFit education and assessment event per course for driver education students.

Funding

Authority and Responsibility for funding of the traffic safety grant program derives from the National Highway Safety Act of 1966 (23 USC §401, et seq.), and the Texas Traffic Safety Act of 1967 (Transportation Code, Chapter 723). The Behavioral Traffic Safety Section (TRF-BTS) provides oversight of statewide projects and local projects at the agency's 25 districts. TRF-BTS administers the program from its Austin headquarters in the Traffic Safety Division (TRF) of TxDOT.

Funding Constraints

- Funds are authorized on a federal fiscal year basis only. Awarded grants are contingent upon the availability of federal funds.
- Projects included in the AGA become cost reimbursable grant in-aid agreements.
- Federal and state grant funds cannot be used for lobbying.
- Supplanting is prohibited. Supplanting is defined as the "Use of federal funds to support personnel or an activity that is already supported (paid for) by local or state funds."

Eligibility

eGrants

All projects must be requested in eGrants at: <https://egrants.bts.txdot.gov>

To set up an eGrants account, select the "New User" link on the eGrants Login page.

For help and resources, select the eGrants Help link on the eGrants Login page.

Internal Ethics and Compliance Required

Organizations/Agencies will be required to undergo an Internal Compliance Program review prior to grant execution. Organizations must demonstrate compliance with Title 43 Texas Administrative Code §25.906(b) by certifying adoption of an internal ethics and compliance program that satisfies the requirements of Title 43 Texas

Administrative Code §10.51 (relating to Internal Ethics and Compliance Program) prior to any grant execution.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

Entities doing business with the federal government will use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) created and registered in SAM.gov. There is a field in eGrants where the subgrantee will fill in their UEI number and the registration expiration date. Proof of registration from SAM.gov must be uploaded into eGrants as well. Registration in SAM.gov must be current for the UEI to be valid.

Electronic Signature Approval Process Required

All proposers for projects must be prepared to execute approved projects using the electronic signature process.

Submission

The Texas Traffic Safety Program, including the Driver Education Training initiative, is funded with federal funds allocated from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) with Section 402 - State and Community Highway Safety Programs.

Training

Proposers are encouraged to reach out to their local Traffic Safety Specialist for assistance when completing their project submission.

Traffic Safety Specialists			
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Abilene	Jill Christie	Jill.Christie@txdot.gov	Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan
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Submission Requirements

- Project submissions **must** be completed in eGrants no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, February 28th, 2025.
- Project submissions must be completed by an authorized representative of the organization/agency.
- Please do not mail hard copies to TxDOT. Any hard copies received will be discarded.