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NDOT Highway Safety Office Accepting Grant Proposals to Address Safety on Nebraska Roads

Feb. 23, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The Nebraska Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office (NDOT HSO) is now accepting proposals for traffic safety grants aimed at reducing fatal and serious crash rates across the state. Proposals must be submitted no later than March 31 for consideration. Funding will cover projects conducted during Federal Fiscal Year 2027, which runs from Oct. 1, 2026, through Sept. 30, 2027.

The funding, provided through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, supports data-driven initiatives focused on addressing Nebraska's most pressing roadway safety challenges, including impaired driving, distracted driving, occupant protection, youth driver safety, and speeding.

"Highway safety is a shared responsibility, and these grants help empower local agencies and organizations to implement strategies that directly address traffic safety challenges in their communities," said Ryley Egger, NDOT HSO Administrator. "By supporting evidence-based projects, we can work toward reducing serious crashes and saving lives on Nebraska roadways."

NDOT HSO is responsible for the planning, administration, and evaluation of the state's federal highway safety funding that is authorized by congress. Funding is provided to assist states and their counties and communities initiate projects to address traffic safety problems.

Many organizations, including government agencies, political subdivisions, law enforcement agencies, and 501(c)3 non-profit organizations are eligible for funding. NDOT evaluates proposals using data-driven criteria, including whether the proposal serves a high-priority county for safety in FY27, crash trends in the proposal's location, emphasis areas the proposal is helping to solve, and grantee's past performance.

For more information and to apply, visit ndot.info/a8ea9f. For questions, contact NDOT HSO at 402-471-2515 or NDOT.HSO@nebraska.gov.

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