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July 8, 2025

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety to **retroactively** amend the accept and expend in the amount of $488,933, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027. This request was originally approved by the Fiscal Committee on April 18, 2025 (FIS #25-096) and Governor and Council on April 23, 2025 (Item# 110). Effective upon approval of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because the Fiscal Committee of the General Court considers items only within the current biennium. The previously approved end date for this item was June 30, 2025, marking the end of the last biennium. The current biennium began on July 1, 2025, and this meeting is the first opportunity to present this item for an extension.

Approval of this request will allow Office of Highway Safety to continue to provide grant funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Federal Grant Program to state and local law enforcement, in addition to supporting the delivery of media campaigns focused on eliminating the number of deaths on NH roadways caused by distracted driving. These efforts increase the visibility of law enforcement on New Hampshire roads to help reduce overall crashes and the resulting injuries or deaths associated with distracted driving. These distracted driving funds cover the expenditures for the Distracted Driving Programs and support messaging to inform the motoring public of the dangers associated with driving while distracted to help change this negative driving behavior.

There are no General Funds required with this request. In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

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March 25, 2025

FIS 25-096 04-18-25

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G&C #110
04/23/2025

Approved

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
and

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety to accept and expend $488,933 (405e program) funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Federal Grant Program for providing grants to State and local law enforcement along with media campaigns with a focus on eliminating the number of deaths on NH roadways caused by distracted driving, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

Funds are to be budgeted in SFY25 in the following account:

02-23-23-231010-75510000 Dept. of Safety, Office of the Commissioner – NHTSA Distracted Driving

Class	Description	SFY25 Current	Requested Action	SFY25 Adjusted Authorized
000-403787-16	Federal funds	($ 419,591.00)	($ 488,933.00)	($ 908,524.00)
	Total Revenue	**($ 419,591.00)**	**($ 488,933.00)**	**($ 908,524.00)**
029-500290	Transfers within an Agency	$ 323,045.00	$ 421,183.00	$ 744,228.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs – SWCAP	$ 12,124.00	$ 9,775.00	$ 21,899.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	$ 422.00	$ 475.00	$ 897.00
102-500731	Contracts For Program	$ 84,000.00	$ 57,500.00	$ 141,500.00
	Total Expenses	**$ 419,591.00**	**$ 488,933.00**	**$ 908,524.00**

EXPLANATION

This request is being made due to the OHS receiving 405e "Distracted Driving" funding for the first time in SFY24 resulting in a new accounting unit being added using Federal Funding as the budget. Because this accounting unit was added after the approval of the SFY24/SFY25 Budget, there are no State funds budgeted in SFY25 to cover the expenditures for the Distracted Driving Programs.

These funds are necessary to use to be able to increase the visibility of law enforcement on New Hampshire roads to help reduce overall crashes and the resulting injuries and or deaths associated with distracted driving. These distracted driving funds will also support messaging to inform the motoring public of the dangers associated with driving while distracted to help change this negative driving behavior.

In 2023, New Hampshire distracted driving/inattention contributed to over 16% of crashes. However, non-fatal crash data and distracted driving fatality data may be under reported as there are many crashes that occur on New Hampshire roads with no other reason or explanation for the crash other than the vehicle left the road. Some of these crashes have occurred on a straight road, and a clear summer day with no explanation of how the crash occurred.

Class 029 – Transfers Within an Agency - to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees within the Agency.

Class 040 – Indirect Cost -SWCAP - as allowable for Contracts for Program Services.

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies which receive federal funds to set aside a percentage (0.1%) of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

Class 102 - Contracts for Program Services to provide funding for grants to sub-grantees.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support the programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

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BIL / IIJA FUNDS

Grant Program(s)	405e (Laws)	405e (Awareness)
Grant-Assistance Listing & Type	405e (Laws) (20.616, Distracted Driving Law) 69A3752530000405ENHL	405e (Awareness) (20.616, Distracted Driving Awareness) 69A3752530000405ENHA
Period of Performance	10/1/2024-9/30/2028	10/1/2024-9/30/2028
Funds Obligated by this Action	$47,349.00	$50,852.00
Total Federal Funds Obligated	$47,349.00	$50,852.00
Total Amount of Federal Award	$219,712.94 + 20%	$234,030.53 + 20%
Budget Approved by Federal Awarding Agency	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Total Approved Cost Sharing or Match	20%	20%
R&D	No	No
Indirect Cost Rate	12.67% ending 06/30/2025	12.67% ending 06/30/2025
Terms & Conditions	23 CFR Part 1300. The Recipient shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the U.S. Constitution, Federal Law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.	23 CFR Part 1300. The Recipient shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the U.S. Constitution, Federal Law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.
Federal Award Performance Goals	https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/state-highway-safety-plans-and-annual-reports	https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/state-highway-safety-plans-and-annual-reports

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SUP FUNDS

Grant Program(s)	405e (Laws)	405e (Awareness)
Grant-Assistance Listing & Type	405e (Laws) (20.616, Distracted Driving Law) 69A3752530000405ENHL	405e (Awareness) (20.616, Distracted Driving Awareness) 69A3752530000405ENHA
Period of Performance	10/1/2024-9/30/2028	10/1/2024-9/30/2028
Funds Obligated by this Action	$19,903.75	$15,287.64
Total Federal Funds Obligated	$19,903.75	$15,287.64
Total Amount of Federal Award	$19,903.75 + 20%	$15,287.64 + 20%
Budget Approved by Federal Awarding Agency	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Total Approved Cost Sharing or Match	20%	20%
R&D	No	No
Indirect Cost Rate	12.67% ending 06/30/2025	12.67% ending 06/30/2025
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