Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Discretionary Grant Program Technical Assistance Webinar Series

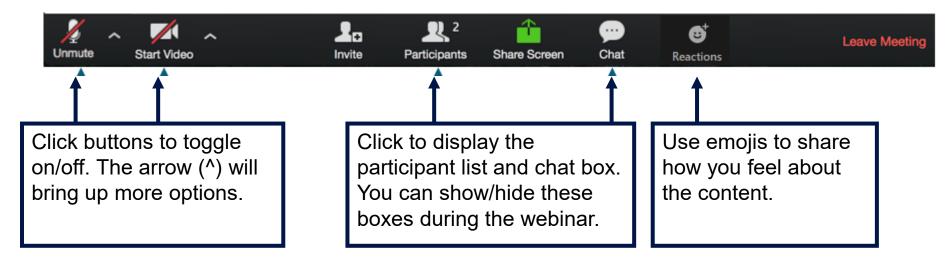
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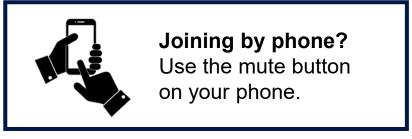
High Priority Discretionary Grant Program Overview

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Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Structure

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- Enforcement of CMV Operation and Compliance with Safety Regulations (HP-CMV)
 - HP-CMV funds activities and projects that improve CMV safety, including increasing public awareness, conducting safety data improvement projects, and developing new technologies.
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/Grants/HighPriority.aspx

- State government agencies including District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- local governments (including county, city, township, and special district);
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments;
- institutions of higher education; and
- non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.
- For Profit Organizations and Individuals are NOT an eligible entity.

- Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM)
 - A partnership with State International Registration Plan (IRP) offices and Law Enforcement that improves highway safety by identifying and immobilizing commercial motor carriers that are prohibited from operating due to a Federal Out-of-Service (OOS) Order.
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/PRISM

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State Safety Data Quality (SSDQ)

- The FMCSA's safety programs use State-reported data on crashes and inspections to prioritize resources for the greatest impact on large truck and bus safety. The FMCSA SSDQ program focuses on ensuring the availability of high-quality data from our State partners.
- https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/DataQuality/

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Innovative Technology Deployment (HP-ITD)

- HP-ITD provides funding for the deployment and development of new and innovative advanced technology solutions that support commercial motor vehicle information systems and networks, for planning activities, and for the operation and maintenance costs associated with innovative technology.
- https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/Grants/ITD.aspx

- States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The FMCSA may award HP-ITD funds to eligible applicants that have an approved program plan as outlined in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.
- For Profit Organizations and Individuals are NOT an eligible entity.

- Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Training and Support (CMV-ETS)
 - High Priority Safety Enforcement Training provides funding to nonprofit entities with the expertise to train non-federal personnel who engage in CMV safety enforcement activities.
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/Grants/HighPriority.aspx

- Nonprofit organizations which have:
 - expertise in conducting a training program for non-Federal employees; and
 - the ability to reach and involve in a training program a target population of commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement and compliance employees.
 - For Profit Organizations are NOT eligible entities.

Section A: Goals & Objectives

- Supporting participation in performance and registration information systems management
- Conducting safety data improvement projects
- Increasing public awareness and education on CMV safety
- Targeting unsafe driving of CMV and Non-CMV in areas identified as high-risk crash corridors
- Improving the safe and secure movement of hazardous materials
- Improving safe transportation of goods and persons in foreign commerce
- Demonstrating new technologies to improve CMV safety
- Otherwise improving CMV safety and compliance with CMV safety regulations

Section A: Performance Goals & Indicators

CMV Crash Reduction

• Activities implemented under the award address reductions in fatal and non-fatal crashes involving CMVs, especially in areas identified as high-risk.

CMV Safety Improvement

Activities conducted under the HP-CMV award improve overall CMV and non-CMV safety.

Innovative Approach

 HP-CMV award activities provide a novel technique or approach (program design, use of technology assets, etc.) to benefit national CMV safety and/or improve safety data quality.

Collaborative Process and Shared Results

 Activities developed or implemented under the HP-CMV award have the potential to be more widely adopted and applied by other stakeholders.

Section B: Federal Award Information

Funding and Number of Awards

- Congress Authorizes and Appropriates Funding
- An estimate of number of awards to be made each year
- NOFO will indicate If program has a maximum per award

Type of Award

- Cooperative Agreement
- Grant

Period of Performance

 Based upon Program Statute in USC, the number of years will be provided for each specific grant program.

Section B: Federal Award Information

- Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Program Assurance and Plan Title VI Assessments
 - This is a requirement which commits the grant applicant to complying with Title VI and related nondiscrimination authorities.
 - The Assurance and Plan Title VI Assessment must be received and approved by the FMCSA Title VI Program Manager
 - If an applicant does not include the approved documents in the application, the application can be determined to be ineligible.
 - Process could take up to six months.
 - Recorded webinar available at https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/grantswebinars
 - Questions on Title VI Program Assurance and Compliance Plan
 - Contact Lester Finkle at Lester.Finkle@dot.gov

Section C: Eligibility Information

- Eligible Applicants
 - Grant Program Specific
- Cost-Sharing and Matching Requirements
 - Each program's Statute indicates up to 15%

Section D: Application & Submission Information

- Content and Form of Application Submissions
 - Formatting
 - Fonts
 - Page number limitations

- Narrative Section Requirements
 - Project Narrative Descriptions Performance Based
 - Budget Narrative Description

Project Narrative Sections

- Introduction
- Problem Statement
- Performance Objective
- Performance Activity
- Performance Measurement Plan
- Monitoring and Timeline/Milestone
 Plan
- Assistant with writing a successful performance-based project narrative refer to High Priority Best Practices
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/downloadFile.axd/HP_Best_Practices_20190628.pdf

Section E: Application Review Information

- Eligibility Criteria
 - Intake Process
- Merit Evaluation Criteria
 - Technical Merit
 - Panel of Subject Matter Experts reviews each applications
 - Budget/Cost Analysis Criteria
 - Allowable, Reasonableness, Allocable, and supports project plan details
 - Program-Specific Criteria
 - Priority addressed and likely to achieve successful completion of project
 - Past Performance Criteria
 - Past awards achievements of Objectives/Activities within budget and timelines
 - Other Review Information
 - E.O. 13985 and ROUTES, Economic Vitality, use of alternative Fuels, etc.

Section E: Application Review Information

Review and Selection Process

- Recommendation of the initial selection provided to the FMCSA Administrator for review and approval.
 - Consolidation of all five merit review elements to be comprehensive evaluation summary of all critical items
 - Assigned Rating Determination

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Ratings

The FMCSA prioritizes applications using the ratings shown below based on the applicability of the merit criteria and other preferences to the application.

Highly Responsive

Fully addressed all aspects of NOFO with minimum or no weaknesses

Responsive

 Most aspects of NOFO addressed with weaknesses addressed with a recommendation of reduced award or post award term and condition

Not Responsive

• Does not address all aspects of NOFO sufficiently to indicate a strong likelihood of successfully administer the project plan

Section F – Federal Award Notices

- FMCSA may contact applicants with additional questions or for clarification of the application's components.
- Applicants chosen for funding are formally notified electronically by FMCSA's grant management system, GrantSolutions (<u>www.grantsolutions.gov</u>).
- Acceptance of the award constitutes the recipient's agreement to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, executive orders, OMB circulars, and terms and conditions of the award.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email.
- The FMCSA will send a letter to notify those who were not funded with suggestions for how applications can be improved for the next grant cycle.
- The FMCSA does not have an appeal process for unsuccessful applications for discretionary grant funds.

Section F – Administrative & National Policy Requirements

- All awards will be administered pursuant to the **Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards found in 2 CFR part 200**, as adopted by DOT at 2 CFR part 1201 and FMCSA statutes and regulations.
- Additional provisions that apply to this NOFO and/or awards made under this NOFO, including but not limited to those related to SAM, can be found in the Grants.gov application package under the "Related Documents" tab.

Section F – Reporting

Quarterly Reporting responsibilities include:

- Program performance reports using the Performance Progress Report (SF-PPR)
- Financial status using the Federal Financial Report (SF-425, also known as the FFR)
- Request for Reimbursement (SF-270)

Recipients must submit

- SF-425 and SF-PPR reports electronically through GrantSolutions
- SF-270 reimbursement requests electronically through Delphi/iSupplier

Section G – Federal Agency Contacts

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FMCSA Transportation Specialist State Programs Division

Sections H: Other Information

- Federal Funding Opportunities and Application Package
 - www.Grants.gov
- Grant Management Training
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/Grants/GrantManagement.aspx
 - Modules: Grant Application Grant Implementation Grant Close-out
- High Priority Resource Guide
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/downloadFile.axd?file=Grants Management HP Resource Guide 20190628.pdf
 - Policy guidance, websites, forms, and training

Sections H: Other Information

High Priority Best Practices

- https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/downloadFile.axd/HP_Best_Practices_20190628.pdf
- Offers suggestions for writing a competitive and successful grant application

Motor Carrier Grant Comprehensive Policy

- https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/mission/grants/73001/motor-carrier-grant-comprehensive-policy-v31
- Provides program policy, guidance, technical assistance and eligibility Information

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- Appendix A: Application Package Requirements Checklist
- Appendix B: Budget Narrative Guidance

FY22 HP-CMV SAMPLE NOFO

https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=96416

Resource: FMCSA Grant Application Process



https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/downloadFile.axd/FMCSA-Grant-Application-Process-Infographic.pdf

Resource: How to Apply

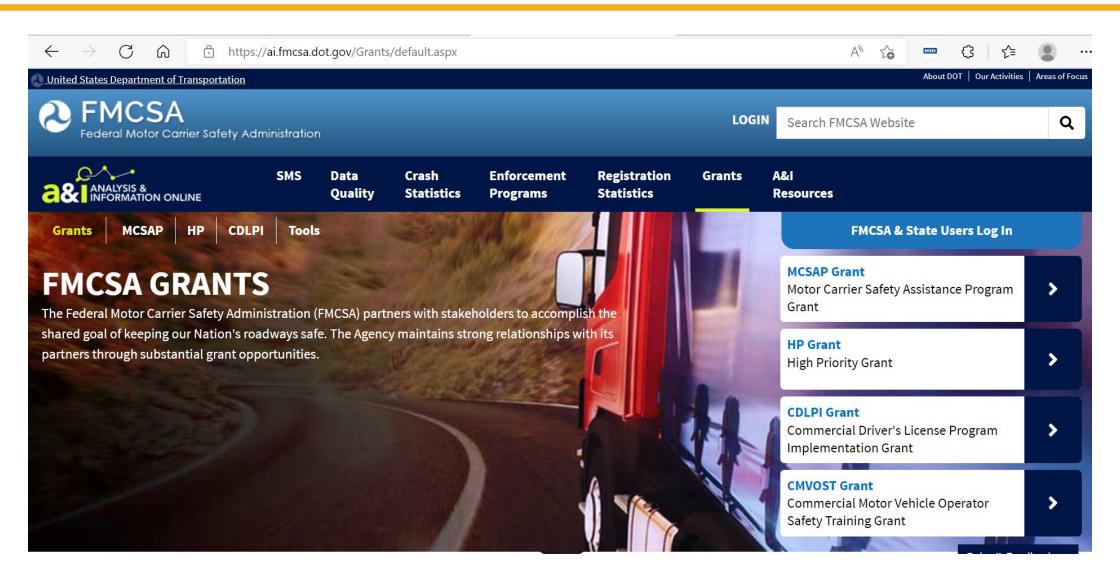


Resource: FMCSA Discretionary Grant Programs





Resource: Analysis & Information Online (A&I)



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