

**SOUTHWEST ALABAMA REGIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE
MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION**

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Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP)

Agreement for CTSP Grant Participation

Fiscal Period: October 01, 2019 – September 15, 2020

(NOT the same as a grant's authorized spending period during this Contract Period)

This agreement is entered into by Southwest Alabama Regional Highway Safety Office, located at the Mobile County Commission, hereinafter referred to as "SWARHSO", and the governing entity of the law enforcement department of the following:

Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, hereinafter referred to as "AGENCY", for official participation in the Southwest Region's Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) grant(s), and for 100% funded salary, plus allowable FICA fringe, for overtime traffic safety enforcement (and other time as approved by ADECA and/or SWARHSO), and for traffic enforcement/traffic safety equipment, dependent upon approval of applicable grant(s). The term of this contract will be from **October 01, 2019 through September 15, 2020; however, this contract period will not be the same as any grant's authorized spending period during the fiscal year.** Expenditure of CTSP grant funds will only be allowable under this agreement for the AGENCY's grant activity performed within the state-designated Southwest Region's Counties of: Baldwin, Choctaw, Conecuh, Clark, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Perry, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox.

The funds for this agreement were awarded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and are passed through the Alabama Department of Economic Community Affairs (ADECA) and Mobile County Commission's SWARHSO. Therefore, all expenditures are subject to all federal and state laws, rules and regulations, including LETS policy letters.

The United States Federal Government has set forth that NO entity may supplant funds or use Federal grant funds for budget relief of state, regional, county, city, local, or any other non-federal funds. Federal grant funds are intended for the purpose of providing monies for overtime traffic enforcement/traffic safety activities conducted outside of the AGENCY's budgeted initiatives. According to the State of Alabama ADECA/LETS Policy Letters, "Supplanting" is defined as, "to deliberately reduce State or local funds because of the existence of Federal funds." **GRANT FUNDS ARE TO BE SPECIFICALLY UTILIZED FOR WORKING TRAFFIC GRANT DETAILS ONLY. THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR SERVING WARRANTS, CHECKING BUILDINGS, BACKING UP REGULAR DUTY OFFICERS, ETC. FUNDS ARE FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ONLY PUSUANT TO THE GRANT OBJECTIVE AS OUTLINED BY THE SWHSO.**

Upon approval of grant(s), funding will be made available to the AGENCY through the CORE reporting system by SWARHSO as authorized by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). **This Agreement for CTSP Grant Participation is not a notice of grant approval, but is required for the AGENCY's receipt of CTSP grant funds and equipment once or if such become available.**

NO AGENCY will be approved to receive overtime enforcement funding without having entered into this contract with the SWARHSO and being registered with the CORE system. NO AGENCY will be approved to receive overtime enforcement funding without having an approved overtime policy adopted by or on behalf of the AGENCY. If an agency does not have an approved overtime policy, its GOVERNING ENTITY may agree to adopt the one attached to this contract, which meets the minimum requirements set forth to participate in this program. Once a grant is approved by ADECA, applicable funding allocations under such grant will then be awarded by SWARHSO, to AGENCY's that meet all funding requirements, and have submitted all required documentation. If an AGENCY is awarded traffic overtime funds, the fund dates and amount will be recorded on the CORE reporting system. The AGENCY will be notified of the grant award by SWARHSO. Such notification will include information such as the grant's name and number, amount of funding allocated, the spending period during which the grant funds must be spent, the final deadline required for submitting the reimbursement claim, and other guidelines and/or requirements such as hotspot locations, as applicable.

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During the applicable grant period(s), AGENCY grant expenditures will be evaluated by SWARHSO to determine if the AGENCY would likely utilize allocated funds before the end of a grant's authorized work period. Any funds determined to be surplus may be transferred to other agencies that can utilize the funds by SWARHSO through the CORE reporting system website. The AGENCY should inform SWARHSO as soon as possible, if any grant funds will likely not be expended, for voluntary release of such funds. The sooner the notification, the sooner SWARHSO may transfer such funds elsewhere to be spent. SWARHSO and/or ADECA have the authority to rescind the AGENCY's grant funding at any time, even without voluntary release of such funds by the AGENCY, due to non-compliance, non-expenditure, lack of submitted reimbursement claims, or for any other reason deemed necessary by SWARHSO and/or ADECA.

Each agency will be responsible for keeping on file ALL paperwork pertaining to each grant that a reimbursement claim is filed. ADECA reserves the right to audit any agency at any time to assure that all documents that have been submitted are correct. Documents that should be kept on file by the agency are as follows; (1.) contract with SWARHSO, (2.) CORE Project Reimbursement Form, (3.) CORE Roll-Up form, (4.) CORE contact report(s) for each person claiming reimbursement hours on the grant, (5.) copy of every citation and warning citation claimed on the grant, (6.) time sheets or time cards identifying regular hours worked and overtime hours worked on traffic grant, (7.) City or County overtime policy. Basically, any agency claiming reimbursement for overtime hours worked, should have documentation on file to account for hours worked and traffic statistics claimed. The above mentioned paperwork should be kept on file by each agency for no less than 3 years from the date of the claim. Each agency will be notified if a file audit/review is requested. Any agency that is unable to produce ALL forms required to verify the claims that have been submitted to the SWARHSO, may be required to refund ALL funds that were reimbursed on the grant in question.

The AGENCY agrees to utilize the CORE reporting system for ALL funding awards made by SWARHSO. Submission of reimbursement forms, other than those forms required by SWARHSO for the contract period, will result in return of an AGENCY's reimbursement claim for completion on the proper forms; and therefore, delay reimbursement to the AGENCY. Each different grant requires separate reimbursement forms and reports to be submitted to SWARHSO. Combining information from different grants into a claim will result in return of an AGENCY's reimbursement claim for correction; and therefore, delay reimbursement to the AGENCY.

At a minimum, reimbursement claims (CORE forms or an email if no activity) are required to be submitted to SWARHSO by the 7th of the month following the enforcement period, whether grant activity occurred during the previous month or not, to allow SEARHSO to have an accurate account of activity in the region.

Suspension of funds, until all documentation is properly completed by the AGENCY and received by SWARHSO, may occur for those departments not in compliance with program requirements.

The FINAL deadline for receipt of FINAL reimbursement claims/requests from the AGENCY will be seven (7) business days from the closing date of September 15, 2020 (received by SWARHSO – in the CTSP office). Any claims received by SWARHSO after this date will NOT be reimbursed. It is the AGENCY's responsibility to ensure that all of their reimbursement claims are submitted to SWARHSO in a timely manner, so as to meet these monthly timelines and final deadline. Though the contract period of this agreement extends to September 15th (for CTSP participation purposes), the AGENCY must comply with each grant's designated work period and final reimbursement claims deadline, i.e., Click It or Ticket Program. **No reimbursement will be made for work performed outside of each grant's regionally authorized work period.**

The AGENCY is solely and exclusively responsible for all expenditure documentation submitted to SWARHSO and shall ensure the accuracy of all such documentation and reports submitted, including but not limited to, hours reported, computation of salary/fringe benefits and reimbursement, and pay rates. The AGENCY shall hold harmless and indemnify SWARHSO from and against any loss, claim for reimbursement, or any claim whatsoever in any way, relating to any error or omission in the reimbursements claimed, documentation and reports submitted, and/or grant funds distributed in reliance thereon.

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The AGENCY, in performance of its operations and obligations, shall not be deemed to be an agent of SWARHSO, but shall be an independent contractor in every respect. The AGENCY is solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. SWARHSO assumes no responsibility for the manner in which or means by which the AGENCY performs its activities pursuant to this agreement. SWARHSO enters into this agreement for the sole purpose of distributing grant funds and/or equipment made available by ADECA. The AGENCY agrees to hold SWARHSO harmless from any liability for any damages arising from any acts or omissions occurring in connection with the AGENCY's performance under this contract.

The AGENCY agrees to comply with all other requirements as set forth by ADECA and/or SWARHSO, which are needed to carry out the scope and intent of this project, in accordance with applicable agreement(s) into which are entered between SWARHSO and ADECA. Reimbursement of funds may be suspended until all applicable CTSP grant and agreement requirements are met.

Subject to the terms of the grant, SWARHSO agrees to reimburse the AGENCY, subject to availability of grant funds, for actual overtime traffic enforcement worked under a CTSP grant project, provided the activity is documented in accordance program requirements, as set forth by SWARHSO, with final approval by ADECA, and in accordance with funding guidelines. All commitments for reimbursement shall be limited to the availability of grant funds.

Termination for Cause. If, through any cause, the Agency shall fail to fulfill in a timely manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Agency shall violate any of the covenants, agreements or stipulations of this Agreement, and such failure or violation is not corrected immediately, SWARHSO will immediately terminate this Agreement by giving verbal and written notice (email, etc) to the Agency of such termination.

Signatures required:

_____ Signature of GOVERNING ENTITY'S Authorizing Official (Mayor/Comm. Chair authorized to enter Agreement)	_____ DATE Printed Name of Authorizing Official and Title
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_____ Signature of AGENCY's Chief Law Enforcement Official (Chief of Police or Sheriff)	_____ DATE Printed Name of Chief LE Official and Title
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To what Address should reimbursement checks be mailed? (Changes only)
(Any changes to such address must be submitted in writing to SWARHSO)

Signature of Authorized Official
Southwest Alabama Regional Highway Safety Office

Dawn Wilhelm DATE
Printed Name of Regional Director