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Grants.gov was established as a governmental resource named the E-Grants Initiative, as part of the President's 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public. The concept has its origins in the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, also known as Public Law 106-107.

Today, *grants.gov* is the central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. *Grants.gov* provides a unified site for interaction between grant applicants and Federal agencies that manage grant funds.

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Grants.gov has made it easier for FMCSA to normalize its grants processes. The use of *grants.gov* has allowed us to centralize many of our grants within *grants.gov* thereby making it easier for interested organizations to review a grant opportunity, to determine whether or not they are eligible to apply.

Grants.gov's help desk provides answers to applicants' questions about the software, either by phone or e-mail.

To apply:

Registration – Users must register, a one-step process completed within *grants.gov*, that takes approximately two weeks.

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In Fiscal Year 2010, FMCSA has 11 grant opportunities that can be divided into two categories, Formula and Discretionary grants. A formula grant is a grant specifying a specific formula in the legislation creating the program or by regulation.

Unlike a formula grant, a discretionary grant awards funds on the basis of a competitive process. The FMCSA reviews applications using a formal review process, called a technical review panel, in accordance with published selection criteria established for each program.

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FMCSA grant opportunities are published in the Federal Register. The Federal Register notifies the public that Federal grant funds are available, and describes each grant's requirements.

Grant programs requiring the applicant to use *grants.gov* to submit an application include:

- ✓ MCSAP New Entrant Safety Audit grants (NE);
- ✓ MCSAP High Priority Grants (HP);
- ✓ Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training grants (CMV);
- ✓ Border Enforcement grants (BEG);
- ✓ Commercial Driver's License Program Information System (CDLPI) grants;
- ✓ Commercial Driver's License Information System Modernization grants (CDLIS); and
- ✓ Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) grants.

High Priority Grants



State Programs Division

MCSAP Discretionary Awards

High Priority Grants - General Information

- Anticipated funding for FY 2010: \$15,000,000
- Awarded for safety initiatives, with particular emphasis on innovative State-specific efforts that have a demonstrable potential for nationwide implementation
- Required match of total participating costs
 - For public education, information, and outreach: \$0
 - ***Does not apply to training****
 - For all other: 20%
- \$5 to \$10 million dedicated to TACT
- Up to \$5 million for emphasis areas
 - Rural Road CMV Safety Initiatives
 - Work Zone CMV Safety Improvements
 - Passenger Carrier Safety

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High Priority Grants – Application & Eligibility

- All applications must be submitted electronically through *grants.gov*
- Application deadline for FY 2010: September 15, 2009
- Announcement posted in *grants.gov*: third week in July (anticipated)
- Eligibility
 - State agencies, local governments, organizations representing government agencies that use and train qualified officers and employees in coordination with State motor vehicle safety agencies
 - Individuals and business entities are not eligible to apply
 - Applications from local governments are not reviewed or approved by the State lead agency prior to or following submission; the Division Office is responsible for coordinating safety activities between State and local entities*

For discussion:

- How can the award process be improved, streamlined, and/or simplified?

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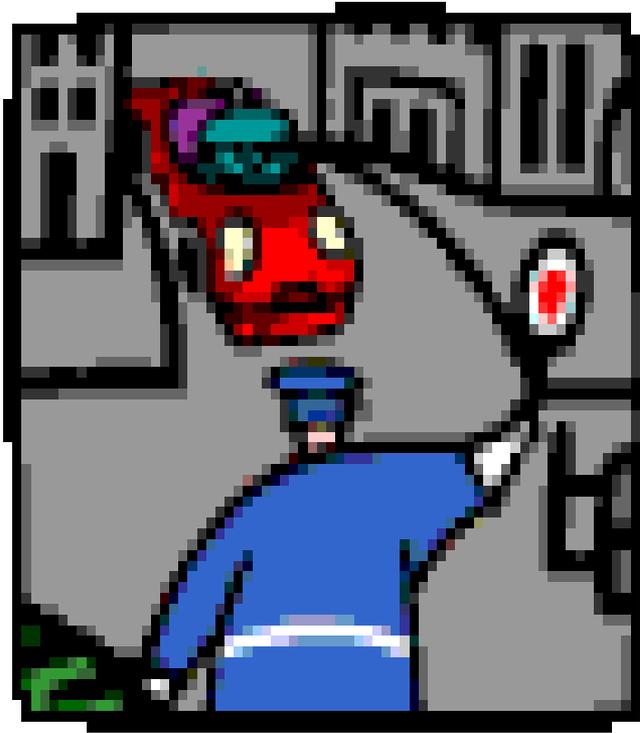
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Large Truck Safety

Traffic Safety



Traffic Control



Traffic Enforcement

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