FFY2022 Safe Communities Grant Updates

Grant Program Changes

- Four Traffic Safety Strategies
  - Impaired Driving/Drugged Driving
  - Seat Belt Usage/"Click It or Ticket" initiatives
  - Distracted Driving
  - Motorcycle Awareness
- Virtual events are allowed above/beyond required in person events
- 15% max for supplies and materials eliminated

GRANTS Plus System Changes

- Applicant Assurances
  - Three additional assurances have been added
    - Diversity / Inclusion Training
    - Sub-Recipient Staff Access
    - Authorized Official Approval
- Budget Worksheet – Work Plan
  - Hours for material distribution are no longer required to be separated in the proposal – include any hours for mailing/delivering materials under Grant Administration.
  - Hours for social media are required to be separated in the proposal.
  - The “Check Box” to add additional events has been removed – all 30 event boxes are available for entry.
- Budget Worksheet – Line Items
  - Breakdown of hours by employee/hourly rate is no longer required on the proposal.
    - Enter the employee, title, maximum hourly rate, maximum fringe rate(s), and maximum mileage rate(s) (Anticipate any raises during the year).
    - Enter the total dollar amount needed for labor, fringe, and mileage (Direct Labor and/or Contract Labor) the system will not auto-calculate.

OTSO is trying to eliminate/reduce the number of revisions completed during the year by giving allowing more flexibility on dividing funds between categories on the proposal, but still require exact amounts actually paid on the expenditure report. Rates claimed on the expenditure report still cannot exceed the maximum rate listed in the grant.