

CHAPTER 20
GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU
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661—20.1(23USC402,ExecOrd23) Authority. 23 U.S.C. Section 402 requires each state to have a highway safety program sponsored by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation under the responsibility of the governor.

20.1(1) The governor designated the commissioner of the department of public safety as the governor's highway safety representative for Iowa and established the department of public safety as the state highway safety agency.

20.1(2) The governor's traffic safety bureau administers the state highway safety program in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C.

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661—20.2(23USC402,ExecOrd23) Purpose. The purpose of the highway safety program is to provide a coordinated federal, state and local effort to reduce traffic-related deaths, injuries, and property damage crashes.

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661—20.3(23USC402,ExecOrd23) Responsibilities.

20.3(1) The governor's traffic safety bureau develops and prepares the state's highway safety plan based on evaluation of highway crashes and traffic safety problems within the state.

20.3(2) The governor's traffic safety bureau encourages and assists local units of government in improving their traffic safety programs.

20.3(3) The governor's traffic safety bureau serves as a reviewing authority for federal and state traffic safety programs.

20.3(4) The governor's traffic safety bureau monitors safety program activity and expenditures of funds by state and local agencies as authorized by 23 U.S.C. Section 402.

20.3(5) The governor's traffic safety bureau coordinates the state highway safety plan with other state agencies.

20.3(6) Application for funding.

a. Proposals for funding highway safety programs may be submitted during set application time periods by any city, county, or state agency or nonprofit organization or any other eligible organization or individual.

b. Applications for funding in the next federal fiscal year, beginning October 1, must be received on or before March 1 to be considered. The bureau chief of the governor's traffic safety bureau may amend the deadline dates in order to implement projects and special activities as deemed appropriate.

c. Initial proposals should include project title, statement of the highway safety problem to be addressed supported by crash data, what is being proposed to solve the problem, how it will be evaluated, a proposed budget, and a letter of intent accepting responsibility for the proposed project from the responsible authority of the organization making application.

d. Only requests containing the listed elements will be considered for funding.

e. Assistance in developing and submitting proposals for highway safety funding may be obtained by contacting the governor's traffic safety bureau, Iowa department of public safety, by email at gtsbinfo@dps.state.ia.us.

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661—20.4(23USC402,ExecOrd23) Funding criteria.

20.4(1) Allocation of federally appropriated funds administered by the governor's traffic safety bureau pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Section 402 are based on: (1) federally mandated projects; and (2) high-fatality and personal-injury crash causations and locations.

NOTE: The governor's traffic safety bureau refers to current federal authorization to dictate how funds are distributed.

20.4(2) At least 40 percent of all federal funds apportioned to the state of Iowa pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Section 402 for any fiscal year will be expended by political subdivisions of the state to carry out local highway safety programs authorized by the governor's representative for highway safety.

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661—20.5(23USC402,ExecOrd23) Program requirements.

20.5(1) All approved programs funded by the governor's traffic safety bureau are administered in compliance with the current version of the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Policies and Procedures Manual located on the department of public safety's website at dps.iowa.gov/gtsb-publications-surveys-reports. Copies may also be obtained by emailing gtsbinfo@dps.state.ia.us.

20.5(2) Highway safety contract procedures and reporting forms and their explanations are contained in the current version of the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Policies and Procedures Manual.

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