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Dear Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Professional:

As part of our continuous improvement effort, OTS has made several changes to the grant application process that impacts law enforcement agencies. The Grants Made Easy (GME) application for DUI will no longer be available. Instead, all law enforcement agencies will submit applications under the GME STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) program. The new GME STEP program will now include DUI (excluding checkpoints) as well as the traditional traffic safety enforcement objectives. The DUI saturation patrol objective will still be available in the GME STEP application. The applications are now available in the [OTS eGrants system](#). The Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, April 6, 2012.

Also of importance, all DUI checkpoints (except Avoid grants and CHP) will be funded through UC Berkeley. The UC Berkeley application is now accessible through the [OTS website](#) or on the UC Berkeley [SafeTREC website](#). Law Enforcement Agencies are encouraged to apply for both a checkpoint grant through UC Berkeley and also apply for grants through OTS eGrants system.

Additionally, OTS has combined several past enforcement operation objectives into the following single new objective: "To conduct ___ traffic enforcement operations, including but not limited to, primary collision factor violations and vehicles with Illegal Street racing equipment." This new objective replaces objectives that targeted speed, red light running, intersection, and vehicles suspected of being equipped with Illegal Street racing equipment.

While OTS will not be issuing mini-grants for distracted driving enforcement, we have added a new objective for enforcement of drivers using a hand-held cell phone or texting. The objective reads "To conduct a minimum of ___ distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers using hand-held cell phones and texting."

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your OTS Regional Coordinator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Murphy".

CHRISTOPHER J. MURPHY
Director