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Dear Local Law Enforcement Representative:

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is proud to continue the availability of "Grants Made Easy," a grant proposal process designed specifically for local law enforcement agencies. "Grants Made Easy" significantly reduces the paperwork and time required to submit a proposal and if selected finalize a grant agreement. In addition, "Grants Made Easy" enables OTS staff to significantly reduce the number of days required to process new grants. This grant proposal process incorporates best practice strategies shown to reduce traffic crashes and gain favorable media coverage into the grant proposal template.

Three "Grants Made Easy" programs are available:

- ❖ **Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)**
- ❖ **DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program (DUI)**
- ❖ **Vehicle Impound Program (VIP)**

Due to limited federal funds for new grants, *OTS will give priority consideration to local law enforcement agencies submitting a proposal requesting "overtime only" funding under the Grants Made Easy program.* "Grants Made Easy" applications requesting "overtime only" funding must be for a one year period (October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010).

Funds are awarded on a competitive basis. Therefore, a comprehensive evaluation is part of the proposal review process. OTS evaluates GME proposals using several criteria including: submission of a complete proposal package that responds in detail to the problem statement questions, and includes local data, potential traffic safety impact of proposed activities; local collision statistics and OTS rankings, seriousness of identified problem(s); performance on previous OTS grants; proportionality of funding requested with identified traffic safety problem(s); and the value of the funding requested for the proposed activities.

The grant funding cycle begins with this solicitation. Your proposal must be postmarked by January 31, 2009. Grant funds become available to successful applicants on October 1, 2009, which is the beginning of the 2010 federal fiscal year.

Please read all of the resources provided to assist you in completing the proposal package. If your question is not answered in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section, please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Coordinator ([OTS Coordinator](#)). We hope you are able to take advantage of this funding opportunity to make traveling on California's roadways safer.

Sincerely,

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

CHRISTOPHER J. MURPHY
Director