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Dear Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Professional:

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is pleased to announce that the application period is open for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" (STEP) grants. The STEP grants will be similar to the FFY 2013 grants that included DUI objectives (excluding checkpoints) as well as other traffic safety enforcement objectives.

As with last year, 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 a STEP grant. Cities with a significant number of DUI crashes that submit a STEP application are also expected to apply for a checkpoint grant through UC Berkeley.

OTS strives to provide funding assistance to agencies with the greatest need. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Therefore, a comprehensive evaluation is part of the application review process. OTS evaluates the applications using several criteria, including but not limited to: potential traffic safety impact of proposed activities; local collision statistics and OTS rankings; seriousness of identified problems; performance on previous grants; proportionality of funding requested with identified traffic safety problem(s); and the value of the funding requested for the proposed activities.

Applicants should view their City crash rankings on the OTS website. The OTS crash rankings were developed so that individual cities could compare their city's traffic crashes to those of other cities with similar-sized populations.

Grant Applications must be submitted online through the [OTS eGrants System](#) by January 15, 2013. Grant funds become available to successful applicants on October 1, 2013.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your OTS Regional Coordinator. And thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to traffic safety.

Sincerely,

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

CHRISTOPHER J. MURPHY  
Director