



City of Flagstaff
Flagstaff Police Department
Grant Proposal

Driving Under the Influence Task Force



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Proposal Summary

Please include a summary of funding requested by program area (Alcohol, Aggressive Driving, Occupant Protection etc...).

D.U.I. TASKFORCE OPERATIONS

The Flagstaff Police Department, in partnership with our local community, is interested in obtaining grant funding to pay for officer overtime activities associated with increased D.U.I. enforcement. The mission of the Flagstaff Police Department is to preserve life and property. One of our departmental goals is to make our city streets safer by reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities. We feel that this can best be accomplished by increasing D.U.I. awareness through education about the dangers of driving under the influence and by directed enforcement activities that remove impaired drivers from our streets. The Flagstaff Police Department is committed to making our city streets safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Drunk drivers present a real threat to the safety of all persons on or near the highway. The costs associated with the loss of human life, injuries and property damage is an enormous burden on our community. The total amount requested for the D.U.I. Task Force is \$45,240.00.

Background/Problem

Provide general characteristics of the agency, including information on population, demographics, and a description of streets and highways in the agency's jurisdiction including road mileage.

The City of Flagstaff is the county seat of Coconino County. The city sits at approximately 7000 feet above sea level; at this altitude weather conditions significantly effect driving. Snow, rain, wind and fog frequently contribute to hazardous road conditions and collisions. These facts are amplified when impaired drivers are thrown into the mix. Statistical information for vehicles registered in Flagstaff is currently unavailable. However, the Arizona Department of Transportation indicated approximately 172,932 are registered in Coconino County. This does not necessarily include the vehicles registered to the 19,320 plus students enrolled at Northern Arizona University and doesn't consider our high volume tourist related traffic. The majority of registered vehicles can be associated with Flagstaff and the surrounding commuter communities.

Streets and highways:

With a major University located in our city, both summer and winter tourist activity, we have a large volume of commuter and tourist vehicle traffic. Major roadways within our community include: Interstate 17, Interstate 40, U.S. Highway 89, U.S. Highway 180, and Historic Route 66. There are approximately 35 miles of state owned highways in the City of Flagstaff. These highways account for large numbers of interstate vehicles in transit. The local economy is dependant on tourism. The City of Flagstaff contains approximately 65 square miles, which is serviced by approximately 634 lane miles of surfaced roadways. The major commuter accessible corridors account for approximately 20 miles of road surface. The majority of impaired drivers either interdicted or arrested after being involved in a collision are found on these roads.

Problem Statement

What problem is your agency looking to solve with this grant? Provide appropriate data to support funding.

Identify the Problem or Deficiency:

In keeping with our mission to protect citizens, and in conjunction with area D.U.I. taskforce operations, the Flagstaff Police Department expects each of its patrol officers to proactively engage in the arrest of drunk drivers. These police officers are typically attached to patrol squads that work during the evening and nighttime hours. During their shift, these officers are responsible for answering calls for service while remaining vigilant for D.U.I. offenders.

Prior to July 2012 there was not an existing DRE program within the Flagstaff Police Department. In 2012, we trained 3 DRE officers and 6 more in February 2015 bringing our total up to 9. Since 2012 there have been 237 D.U.I drug arrests in Flagstaff. In 2012 there were 101 D.U.I drug arrests and only 12 DRE evaluations conducted. In 2013 there were 74 D.U.I drug arrests and 18 evaluations. In 2014 there were 62 D.U.I drug arrests and 56 of those were evaluated. Out of those 237 D.U.I drug arrests 63 were under age. The increase in evaluations is due to two of the DRE's becoming instructors and being more aggressive with the D.U.I drug arrests. Over the last three years out of the 237 D.U.I drug arrest only 86 have had evaluations done. With the ever changing medical marijuana laws and the new ruling of Carboxy not being allowed for impairment there is a greater need for DRE trained officers to respond and conduct an evaluation to call a drug category. With overtime funds we would have the ability to call out DRE'S to assist in impaired drivers under influence of drugs along with serious injury collisions and fatalities where drugs may be a factor. This will help identify D.U.I drug offenders that were not previously detected and assist with developing a strong case to aide in prosecution.

During this three year period, we had 64 injury collisions and 1 fatal collision that were alcohol related, 236 injury collisions were speed related out of 1,158 total injury accidents. This shows that 5.6% of our injury collisions are alcohol related, and 20% are speed related, which we feel is unacceptable. We feel there is a direct correlation between the removal of impaired drivers from the roadways and the reduction of alcohol and/or drug related injury or fatality motor vehicle accidents. Our proposal concerns the granting of overtime reimbursement funds for directed patrol efforts at interdiction of impaired drivers by alcohol or drugs. As listed above, our officers have achieved some success to date while working regular shifts and handling responsibilities for all calls for service. We would like to deploy enforcement specific officers, specifically on special weekends and holidays where an increase in impaired driving can be anticipated.

TRAFFIC DATA SUMMARY – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Description	(If Available) 2014	2013	2012
TOTAL FATAL COLLISIONS	3	3	6
TOTAL INJURY COLLISIONS	411	352	395
TOTAL COLLISIONS INVESTIGATED	2,543	2,554	2,630
ALCOHOL-RELATED FATALITIES	0	0	1
ALCOHOL-RELATED INJURIES	28	19	17
SPEED-RELATED FATALITIES	0	0	0
SPEED-RELATED INJURIES	37	100	99
PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES	3	2	2
PEDESTRIAN INJURIES	43	28	32
BICYCLE FATALITIES	0	0	1
BICYCLE INJURIES	54	42	64
TOTAL DUI ARRESTS	600	622	840
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR DUI ARRESTS	505	531	725
TOTAL AGGRAVATED DUI ARRESTS	119	122	155
TOTAL EXTREME DUI .15 ARRESTS	227	257	337
TOTAL DUI DRUG ARRESTS	62	74	101
TOTAL DRE EVALUATIONS	56	18	12
SOBER DESIGNATED DRIVERS CONTACTED	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
UNDERAGE ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS - TITLE 4	431	470	747
UNDERAGE DUI ARRESTS	31	46	61
UNDERAGE DUI-DRUG ARRESTS	13	26	24
TOTAL AGENCY CITATIONS	8,565	9,891	10,410
CRIMINAL SPEED CITATIONS	13	These three categories of citations will be broken down by statute starting in mid – 2013 Calendar year	
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING CITATIONS	14		
CIVIL SPEED CITATIONS	1,444		
OTHER CITATIONS*	6,381	7,571	8,568
RED LIGHT RUNNING CITATIONS	495	386	307
SEAT BELT CITATIONS	132	160	271
CHILD SAFETY SEAT CITATIONS	86	141	154

*2011 & 2012 'Other Citations' statistics include Speed

Attempts to Solve Problem

Identify past attempts to solve the problem identified in your proposal.

The Flagstaff Police Department considers any loss of life or limb to a drug or alcohol-related, motor vehicle accident unacceptable. Our desire is to combat this situation by incorporating community-oriented policing and Comp Stat strategies into our patrol and enforcement efforts. We have a long standing tradition of aggressive D.U.I. interdiction and enforcement. Every officer in our organization is held accountable to D.U.I. arrest standards. Each officer working a night shift is expected to make at least three D.U.I. arrests per month to achieve a standard performance rating. This is done in the interest of protecting life and property. We have conducted both in-service and advanced officer training in D.U.I. detection by alcohol and drugs. Past patrol efforts to resolve this community challenge have proven very successful, with demonstrable reductions in vehicle collisions where alcohol was a factor. These efforts have been supported with D.U.I. overtime operations such as task force patrols, and directed patrols on weekends and holidays. These efforts are staffed by officers on overtime to enhance effectiveness. Without these approaches it is difficult, if not impossible, to staff these operations with on-duty officers as they have primary responsibilities to respond to a variety of calls for service during their shifts.

The average D.U.I. arrest rate for a community of our size based on data from the ICMA Comparative Performance Measurement FY 2012 Data report was 4.1 D.U.I. arrests per 1,000 population. Our tenacious efforts led to 600 D.U.I. arrests in 2014 which works out to an arrest rate of 9.23 D.U.I. arrests per 1,000 population. This was double the number of arrests which most communities of our size are reporting. Comparative data has not yet been released for 2014. However, we suspect our arrest rate of 9.23 D.U.I. arrests per 1,000 population will still be double that of comparative communities based on our aggressive enforcement (600 D.U.I. arrests, 65,000 population, = 9.23 D.U.I. arrest rate).

Despite the aggressive D.U.I. arrest rate, we feel that we have the potential to be even more effective and have a greater impact in the area of total D.U.I. detection and apprehension during peak hours. For the three-year period of 2012 through 2014, the Flagstaff Police Department made a total of 2,062 D.U.I. arrests. During this same period, the department had a total of 7,727 motor vehicle collisions. This accident total includes 1,158 state collisions where injuries were reported and 12 state collisions where fatalities were reported. For the years 2013 and 2014 the Flagstaff Police Department issued 3,370 civil speed citations, 16 of which were issued for aggressive driving and 23 for criminal speed.

Project Objectives

Our objective is to significantly reduce drug and alcohol impaired driving in the Flagstaff community by emphasizing traffic-related enforcement:

D.U.I. Enforcement Program:

- D.U.I. enforcement officers specifically detailed to detect and apprehend impaired drivers during strategic times during target days
- Two officers would be assigned on Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday nights from 9:00pm until 3:00am until grant funds have been depleted
- Holiday D.U.I. enforcement: Officers would be assigned to D.U.I. enforcement during holiday weekends that are characterized by an increase in traffic fatalities and injuries associated with impaired driving. These holiday weekends include (but are not limited to) New Years Eve, Labor Day, St. Patrick's Day, the Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July and two annual graduation weekends for Northern Arizona University. This holiday enforcement would continue until grant funds have been depleted
- D.U.I. enforcement officers will be vigilant for safety belt and child restraint violations
- DRE trained officers for evaluations when situations dictate and in serious injury or fatal collisions

October 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

ENFORCEMENT:

Holiday Task Force Patrols for Thanksgiving Weekend, December Holiday Weekend, and New Years Holiday Weekend, with five additional task force patrols

EDUCATION/PREVENTION:

Officers will attend 3 D.U.I. impact panels (6 hrs.)

Conduct a two hour presentation at the Law Enforcement Citizens Academy

Six hours performing outreach at various city sponsored events

January 1, 2016- March 31, 2016

ENFORCEMENT:

Five Task Force Patrols, including St. Patrick's Day and Spring Break

EDUCATION/PREVENTION:

Officers will attend 3 D.U.I. impact panels (6 hrs.)

Six hours performing outreach at various city sponsored events

April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

ENFORCEMENT:

5 Task Force Patrols to include; Prom weekend, end of semester, graduation and Memorial Day

EDUCATION/PREVENTION:

Officers will attend 3 D.U.I. impact panels (6 hrs.)

2 hour presentation at the Law Enforcement Citizens Academy

6 hours performing outreach at city sponsored events

8 hours staffing the graduation night alternative alcohol free venue

July 1, 2016 –September 30, 2016

ENFORCEMENT:

5 task force patrols, including 4th of July and Labor Day Weekend

EDUCATION/PREVENTION:

Officers will attend 3 D.U.I. impact panels (6 hrs.)

6 hours performing outreach at various city sponsored events
24 hours of alcohol abuse prevention outreach for the Coconino County Fair
Five 2 hour blocks for outreach at city sponsored Concerts in the Park

Method of Procedure

Detail how your agency will solve the problem and meet the objectives you have set.

Our objective is to mitigate impaired driving to the best of our ability, with what resources are available. We aspire to achieve this objective by educating the community at large about the dangers of impaired driving, and by advertising our directed patrol efforts targeting impaired driving, via local media outlets. We have taken a three pronged approach to do so which includes DUI prevention and education, community based initiatives, and aggressive enforcement.

DUI prevention and education:

- DUI Prevention starts with Officers conducting presentations at the driver's education classes which are held in our local high schools
- Prior to Prom weekend Officers spend several hours at the local high schools speaking about the unintended consequences of drinking and driving
- DRE trained officers to conduct education in DITEP to teachers at local schools
- Officers also conduct bi-annual presentations to our citizen's academy on DUI investigations and the dangers of impaired driving
- The FPD has met with our Downtown Bar Association prior to the holidays to educate them on Title 4 laws and our zero tolerance policy towards alcohol related violations. We teamed up with the NACASA, who educated bar employees about date rape and club drugs, to help prevent sexual assaults.
- Officers conduct community outreach presentations at monthly DUI Impact Panels and staff educational booths during city special events throughout the year

Community Partner Initiatives:

- In 2005 the FPD partnered with the City, County, Navajo Nation, Guidance Center, and other community leaders to establish the Alcohol Stabilization Unit, which is a detoxification facility that promotes short and long term treatment for alcoholism
- The CCSO Jail now offers an in-custody rehabilitation (EXODUS) program for DUI offenders.
- Coconino County has also established a DUI and Drug court to hold offenders more accountable and get them more specialized sanctions and treatment options
- The CCJCC is currently working with multiple community partners to maintain a Serial Inebriate program further help with treatment and accountability for those addicted to alcohol

Aggressive Enforcement:

- The FPD has made removing impaired drivers one of its highest priorities, which supports its mission of protecting and preserving life and property
- All FPD patrol officers are held accountable to our minimum performance standards of three DUI arrests per month while working a night shift
- Patrol supervisors are diligent in seeking out DUI detection training for their officers, including training in HGN, DUI detection, ARIDE, DRE and how to write search warrants to draw blood on DUI investigations
- The FPD has taken advantage of phlebotomy training, and currently has 7 officers trained in drawing blood

-In July 2012, 3 officers with the FPD completed training and received certification in DRE. In February 2015, 6 officers completed DRE training bringing the departments total to 9

Performance Measures

With the added resources from the Governor's Office of Highway safety, our goals are as follows:

- To reduce the total number of alcohol related accidents by 5% this year. Our three year average was 75 alcohol related accidents for the years of 2012, 2013, and 2014. Our goal is to have less than 71 in 2015 and 67 in 2016.

-To reduce the number of alcohol injury accidents by 5% as well. Our three year average was 21 alcohol related injury accidents for the years of 2012, 2013 and 2014. Our goal is to have less than 20 in 2015 and 19 in 2016.

- Our D.U.I. goal for calendar year 2015 is 687 arrests. This will be an increase of 87 arrests for 2015 from the 600 D.U.I. arrests made in 2014.

- To conduct at least four educational or prevention events by the end of each quarter.

- To conduct a minimum of four task force events by the end of each quarter

If approved the funds from this grant will allow us to further our prevention, education, enforcement and ultimately help us reach our goal of making our streets safer.

Schedule B-1 – Budget Narrative

Please include a narrative explanation and justification of individual expenditures outlines in the Schedule B budget estimate.

D.U.I. TASKFORCE OPERATIONS

1) Weekly Special Traffic Enforcement Program: (Thursday, Friday and /or Saturday nights)

- \$60 per hour x 2 officers x 12 hrs per week x 20 weeks = \$28,800

2) Holiday D.U.I. Task Force Patrols, Including:

July 4th Weekend,

- \$60 per hour x 2 officers x 6hrs per day x 3 days =\$2,160.00

Labor Day Weekend,

- \$60 per hour x 2 officers x 6hrs per day x 3 days =\$2,160.00

Thanksgiving Day Weekend

- \$60 per hour x 2 officers x 6 hours per day x 3 days =\$2,160.00

December Holiday Weekend

- \$60 per hour x 2 officers x 6 hours per day x 3 days =\$2,160.00

New Years Weekend

- \$60 per hour x 2 officers x 6 hours per day x 3 days =\$2,160.00

3) D.U.I. Prevention Outreach

- Quarter 1- \$60 Per hour X 14 hours = \$840
- Quarter 2- \$60 Per hour X 12 hours = \$720
- Quarter 3- \$60 Per hour X 22 hours = \$1320
- Quarter 4- \$60 Per hour X 46 hours = \$2760

Totals:

Total Weekly Special Traffic Enforcement Program patrols = 28,800

Total Holiday D.U.I. Task Force Overtime Patrols = \$10,800

Total D.U.I. Prevention Outreach = \$5,640

TOTAL GRANT REQUEST =\$45,240

Attachments

A resolution from your agency's board of supervisors or city/town council will be included in this section.