

Montana Department of Transportation
State Highway Traffic Safety Section (MDT-SHTSS)
Law Enforcement Mini-Grant Program

Law Enforcement Mini Grants (Non-STEP) are being accepted through Montana Webgrants System <https://fundingmt.org/searchGrants.do> . Registration is required, and the funding opportunity is: *High Visibility Enforcement Mini-Grants*.

There is no deadline for applications. Grant awards are dependent on the availability of federal funding and if the application meets the intent of the program while assuring state/federal requirement compliance.

What is the Law Enforcement Mini-Grant Program?

The Mini-Grant Program is a grant offered to assist Montana's less populated communities with the need for increased law enforcement patrols associated with events such as rodeos, county fairs, concerts, and other large gatherings. It also allows these communities the opportunity to participate in the National Crackdown seatbelt and impaired driving campaigns (Memorial Day and Labor Day). These grants can be used to reimburse for overtime patrols focusing on impaired driving and seatbelt laws.

You will need to provide a strong argument and/or data showing why you need assistance. Example:

This is the 4th year of the Red Ants Pants Music Festival. The population of Meagher Co. is 2,000 people. There are only 4 full time deputies in the Meagher County Sheriff's Office. Last year the music festival brought in 12,000 people. We would like to have 3 additional DUI patrols for 6 hours on July 24, 25, 26.

What are the requirements of the Mini-Grant?

Being approved for a Mini-Grant requires you to conduct High Visibility Enforcement for the grant period. High Visibility Enforcement is defined by the use of media for advertising the enforcement, the use of at least one other law enforcement agency (Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or Highway Patrol), and coordination with the district LEL. There is also a reporting requirement which you will need to fill out shift logs for enforcement and a final report.

What you need to know:

- Grant application cannot exceed \$5,000
- Funding is for overtime patrols only
- The grant requires an executed contract and approved budget between your agency and MDT prior to any grant activity. No expenses may be incurred prior to full contract execution.
- The grant operates on a "reimbursement basis".
- All reporting and invoicing are via the Montana Webgrants System

For questions pertaining to the funding opportunity, contact Spencer Harris, at (406) 444-0856 or email at sharris@mt.gov.