Montana Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC)
Potential Project Requirements

Background

Federal Funding - Signed into law in December 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation ACT, known as the FAST Act continues the 235 TITLE 23, U.S.C. Sec. 405 National Priority Safety Programs. The 405(c) funding is for traffic records projects. States apply for 405(c) funding to improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration and accessibility of the state safety data that is needed to identify priorities for federal, state and local highway and traffic safety programs. The 405(c) funding is managed by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), State Highway Traffic Safety Section.

TRCC Responsibility – To be eligible for this federal funding, The Fast Act requires a state to have a Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) which is responsible for the oversight of the appropriate expenditure of Federal 405(c) funds for the improvement of traffic records. Montana's TRCC has participation from multiple state agencies and stakeholders.

Traffic Records Systems - The State of Montana Traffic records systems are the information about the State's roadway network and the vehicles and people that use it.

Collected Data - Primarily traffic safety records are data on: crashes, drivers, vehicles, roadways, citation/adjudication, and injury surveillance. The state of Montana with individual departments and agencies are collecting all this data. The quality of the data is based on six attributes: Accuracy, Completeness, Integration, Timeliness, Uniformity and Accessibility. Improving the data in these areas can help lead to better decisions.

Potential Applicants

The preliminary step to apply for funding is to submit a <u>letter of interest</u> with the proposed project budget to the TRCC committee. TRCC committee will determine if the project meets the requirements of the program and the goals of the Strategic Plan.

Project proposal must address:

1. **Description of Project**
2. **Direct impact on one of the following databases:**
   - *State Roadway Crash*
   - *State Vehicle*
   - *State Driver*
   - *State Roadway*
   - *State Citation/Adjudication*
   - *State EMS/Injury Surveillance*

3. **Identify/describe appropriate NHTSA approved "Traffic Records Systems" performance measure(s) to be used for project reporting:**
   - *Timeliness*
   - *Accuracy*
   - *Completeness*
   - *Uniformity*
   - *Integration*
   - *Accessibility*
4. **Provide a budget sketch**
   - *Overall cost of project*
   - *Proportionality of Funding related to Traffic Records Systems*
   - *Amount of project funding requested from TRCC*
   - *Is this TRCC funding "supplanting" routine business operation costs?*

Letters of Interest for project proposals need to be submitted to the TRCC. For more information contact: State Highway Safety Office, 406-444-7417, 2701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620-1001.

The TRCC committee will determine if the project meets the requirements of the program and goals of the Strategic Plan and work with the applicant to submit a full application for funding.

NHTSA approved "Traffic Records Systems" performance measure(s) can be found on the Montana TRCC webpage http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/trcc/   "NHTSA TRCC Performance Measures"