ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY
Grant Application for Law Enforcement Projects

Federal Fiscal Year: 2026

DUE DATE: March 7, 2025

Grant application decisions are reviewed and decided upon by GOHS and include consideration of the following: analysis of crash data, need for the project, past performance with highway safety grants (if applicable), and Federal funding availability. Please contact the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety at (602) 255-3216 if you need assistance with this application. **Please email proposal to grants@azgohs.gov**

SECTION A: Agency Application Information

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Please attach a cover letter addressed to the Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety on agency letterhead. This cover letter **must be signed** by a representative of your agency authorized to commit your agency to conduct the grant should it be approved for funding.

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SECTION B-1: Agency Overview – LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS

Fill in the information and statistics in this section for your jurisdiction.

Project Title: Impaired Driving DUI Enforcement

Project Description: (1 or 2 paragraphs, brief overview)

The purpose of this grant is to fund overtime for DUI Enforcement in Pinal County by being visible and making contacts on our roadways throughout the year and on Holiday weekends to identify, remove, and process impaired drivers. This includes being active in the DRE evaluation process for drug impaired drivers. PCSO leads and manages the Pinal County Regional DUI Task Force, which is comprised of multiple law enforcement agencies throughout Pinal County, and Queen Creek. The overtime would fund and ensure full staffing on our Holiday DUI Task Force deployments that occur monthly. The funding is a critical and valuable resource in improving roadway safety in Pinal County. Pinal County Sheriff's Office has 248 sworn deputies, with 22 vacancies.

Number of sworn officers: 226

Total Population in your city/town or county: 500,000

Total Road Mileage: Highway 2,500 **Local** 1,300 **Total** 3,800

Crash Data: Include all data for your jurisdiction, not crashes only worked by your agency.

	2023	2022	2021
Total Crashes	1215	1230	1227
Total Injury Crashes	359	219	348
Total Fatal Crashes	19	22	6
Total Impaired-related Crashes	80	77	80
Total Impaired-related Serious Injuries	13	11	7
Total Impaired-related Fatalities	6	6	4
Total Speed-related Crashes	125	130	188
Total Speed-related Serious Injuries	30	31	35
Total Speed-related Fatalities	12	7	2

The data above represents: County ☑ City/Town ☐

SECTION B-1: Agency Overview (Continued) – LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS

Fill in the information and statistics in this section for your jurisdiction.

	2024	2023	2022
Total Contacts (Traffic Stops)	26,096	25,697	24,350
Total Sober Designated Drivers Contacted	115	180	311
Total Know Your Limit Contacts	1,414	1,367	567
DRE Evaluations Conducted	58	34	28
TOTAL DUI ARRESTS	554	553	573
Total DUI Aggravated	102	81	99
Total DUI Misdemeanor	452	472	474
Total DUI Extreme (.15 or Above)	175	99	74
Under 21 DUI Arrests	10	17	17
Average BAC	.166	.154	.129
Distracted Driving Citations	271	217	230
Total DUI Drug Arrests	259	239	329
30-Day Vehicle Impounds	472	529	315
Seat Belt Citations	174	186	155
Child Restraint Citations	28	27	15
Criminal Speed Citations	377	394	251
Reckless Driving Citations	123	131	134
Civil Speed Citations	3,357	3,149	2,964
Other Citations	2,991	2,622	2,476
Other Arrests	696	570	569
Participating Officer/Deputies (Cumulative)	317	655	360

SECTION B-2: Problem Identification

Provide a narrative of the highway safety problem in your community/jurisdiction. Describe the nature and magnitude of the problem using valid, up-to-date statistical data. Identify which program area(s) have the greatest need, (i.e., impaired driving, occupant protection, speeding and aggressive driving, pedestrian safety, etc.). Indicate what is happening, when it is happening, where it is happening, and the contributing factors.

Pinal County consists of 5,386 sq. miles with 10 Cities, and 16 unincorporated communities, some of which are highly populated such as San Tan Valley, Gold Canyon, and Arizona City. There are 3 Native American Reservations in Pinal County.

Pinal County terrain changes from rural farm land, to desert, to mountain regions. Climates range from extreme heat during the summer to snowfall and slippery roadways during the winter. Nestled in the landscape areas and temperature extremes throughout Pinal County are rural and urban communities, which are close in proximity to the Phoenix and Tucson Metropolitan areas, connected by Interstate 10 and other highways.

Other major roadways include Interstate 8 by Casa Grande, and US Highway 60 that extends past Superior. Multiple State Routes travel throughout Pinal County that connect to the highways and interstates: SR 77, 79, 87, 88, 84, 347. Pinal County transportation offers travelers over 3,800 miles worth of roadways.

The highway safety problem varies from the different areas in Pinal County and impaired drivers are contacted and removed from all areas of Pinal County. In the populated, yet unincorporated, areas deputies experience daily traffic congestion and collisions, and increased traffic each year, combined with Public Works working hard to expand our roadways with road construction. The traffic congestion produces impatient drivers and road rage. We continue to identify impaired drivers making poor decisions by operating vehicles on our roadways while under the influence of alcohol, and all types of drugs (marijuana, prescribed medications, amphetamines, and narcotics).

In 2024 PCSO Traffic Unit conducted 45 DUI Task Force deployments. In all, the details were very successful. 2,219 contacts were made resulting in 132 Misdemeanor DUI arrests and 39 Aggravated DUI arrests. 105 were DUI Drugs and 66 were DUI Alcohol arrests, with 25 extreme DUIs and an average BAC of .153 percent. 1,393 know your limit contacts, and numerous impounds, criminal citations, civil citations and other arrests. The DUI Task Force deployments included San Tan Valley, Apache Junction, Florence/Coolidge, Eloy, Casa Grande, and Maricopa. The traffic deputies and patrol deputies also contacted DUI drivers as part of their weekly work in the field which stem from proactive traffic stops, reckless driver calls for service, and collision investigations. Pinal County Deputies conducted 58 drug recognition evaluations.

Pinal County continues to grow at a rapid pace, including our unincorporated areas. This results in increased traffic and unfortunately more impaired drivers on our roadways as well. DUI arrests are made during the mornings and afternoons, in addition to evenings and nights. Impaired drivers are on our roadways in all areas of Pinal County, including the rural parts.

SECTION C: Goals and Objectives – IMPAIRED DRIVING

Based on your problem identification stated in Section B-2, fill in the blanks for each agency Goal and Contract Objective outlined below.

Agency Goals:

To decrease the number of impaired driving-related crashes 10 % from 59 in calendar year 2024 to 53 by December 31, 2026.

To decrease the number of serious injuries in impaired driving-related 20 % from 5 crashes in calendar year 2024 to 4 by December 31, 2026.

To decrease the number of fatalities in impaired driving-related crashes 33 % from 3 in calendar year 2024 to 2 by December 31, 2026.

Contract Objectives:

To participate in a minimum of 4 DUI saturation patrols per quarter during FFY 2026.

To participate in a minimum of 9 DUI task force operations per quarter during FFY 2026.

Additional Contract Objectives:

In addition to the required goals and objectives, create two additional contract objectives that your agency can achieve by the end of FFY 2026.

PCSO Traffic Deputies and patrol deputies are working hard each day to curb impaired driving. It is their goal to continue to improve as an agency to make more arrests each year by 5%.

PCSO Traffic and Patrol Deputies to attend annual trainings to familiarize themselves with recognizing impaired drivers. This includes having deputies attend HGN/SFST, ARIDE, and DRE.

SECTION D: Project Strategies and Activities (Method of Procedure)

In the spaces below, list or describe specific planned activities that your agency will perform in order to achieve their project objectives on a quarterly basis. Activities should describe what will be done, who will do it, and when it will take place. Objectives and subsequent activities in your project should follow the SMART method:

S = Specific
M = Measurable
A = Action-Oriented
R = Realistic
T = Time-Framed

1st Quarter: 10/01/2025 - 12/31/2025 Estimated 1st Quarter Expenditures: $ 45,000

Upon obtaining an agreement contract from Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, it will be reviewed and approved for acceptance by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors.
After approval and an executed contract, PCSO will distribute a media news release that we received the funding from GOHS.

PCSO will conduct DUI Enforcement and Task Force Deployments during the 1st Quarter. This will include Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Holiday Task Force to New Year's Eve in which we project to expend 45,000 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County roadways with an emphasis to remove impaired drivers.

The 1st Quarter reports will be completed and sent to GOHS for quarterly reporting.

2nd Quarter: 01/01/2026 - 03/31/2026 Estimated 2nd Quarter Expenditures: $ 31,668

PCSO will conduct saturated DUI enforcement during the second quarter, in addition to hosting 9 DUI Task Force Deployments throughout Pinal County as part of the Pinal County Regional DUI Task Force.

PCSO will proactively seek DUI Training related schools for our deputies to attend, to include HGN/SFST, ARIDE, and DRE.

It is anticipated we would expend approximately $31,668 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County roadways with an emphasis to remove impaired drivers.

The 2nd Quarter reports will be completed and sent to GOHS as part of quarterly reporting.

SECTION D: Project Strategies and Activities (Continued)

3rd Quarter: 04/01/2026 - 06/30/2026 Estimated 3rd Quarter Expenditures: $ 31,666

PCSO will conduct saturated DUI enforcement during the third quarter, in addition to hosting 9 DUI Task Force Deployments throughout Pinal County as part of the Pinal County Regional DUI Task Force.

PCSO will proactively seek DUI Training related schools for our deputies to attend, to include HGN/SFST, ARIDE, and DRE.

It is anticipated we would expend approximately $31,666 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County roadways with an emphasis to remove impaired drivers.

The 3rd Quarter reports will be completed and sent to GOHS as part of quarterly reporting.

4th Quarter: 07/01/2026 - 09/30/2026 Estimated 4th Quarter Expenditures: $ 31,666

PCSO will conduct saturated DUI enforcement during the fourth quarter, in addition to hosting 9 DUI Task Force Deployments throughout Pinal County as part of the Pinal County Regional DUI Task Force.

PCSO will proactively seek DUI Training related schools for our deputies to attend, to include HGN/SFST, ARIDE, and DRE.

It is anticipated we would expend approximately $31,666 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County roadways with an emphasis to remove impaired drivers.

The 4th Quarter reports will be completed and sent to GOHS as part of quarterly reporting, as well as the Final Statement of Accomplishments report.

SECTION E: Detailed Project Budget

Please fill in the budget category that relates to your agency's project proposal. Please note that GOHS only grants overtime projects at a maximum employee related expense (ERE) rate of 40%.

Personnel Services

Description:

DUI Enforcement Overtime Funding:

Upon receiving an agreement contract from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, we will seek approval from the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to accept the award. Upon receipt of an executed contract, the Impaired Driving DUI Enforcement overtime funding will be used for proactive traffic stops during our weekly shifts and DUI Task Force deployments to attempt to identify, remove, and process impaired drivers. The Task Force deployments will be held in different locations throughout Pinal County. The approximate ERE percentage will be 25%.

Personnel Services: **Employee Related Expenses:**

Description	Requested Amount	Overtime Amount	ERE Amount	ERE %
Impaired Driving DUI Enforcement	140,000	112,000	28,000	25.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
Total:	$ 140,000	$ 112,000	$ 28,000	

Professional & Outside Services

Description: ***(Attached Backup Documentation Required)***

NA

Professional & Outside Services:

Description	Requested Amount
NA	0

Total:

Total:

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Travel
In-state & Out-of-State

Description: ***(Attached Backup Documentation Required)***

NA

Travel:

Description	Transport	Lodging	Meals	Misc.	Amount
NA	0	0	0	0	

Total:

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Materials & Supplies

Description: ***(Attached Backup Documentation Required)***

NA

Materials & Supplies: Designated for items with a **per unit cost less than $5,000.00**.

Description	Quantity	Price Per Unit	Tax	Shipping	Amount
NA					

Total:

Capital Outlay

Description: ***(Attached Backup Documentation Required)***

NA

Capital Outlay: Designated for any equipment with a **per unit cost of $5,000.00 or more**. All other items should be placed in Materials & Supplies.

NOTE: It is the Agency's responsibility to confirm the equipment is Buy America compliant. A letter from the manufacturer is required.

Description	Quantity	Price Per Unit	Tax	Shipping	Amount
NA					

Total:

Total Estimated Costs

Description	Requested Amount
Personnel Services	$ 112,000
Employee Related Expenses	$ 28,000
Professional & Outside Services	$ 0
Travel	$ 0
Materials & Supplies	$ 0
Capital Outlay	$ 0
Total:	$ 140,000

ERE: 25.00%

SECTION F: Additional Proposal Information

If there is any additional information that your agency would like to attach to their proposal, please include a PDF attachment with your proposal. Additional information may include: pictures, invoice estimates, City/Town/County resolutions, additional enforcement information, etc.