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: Police Traffic Services / Speed Control (PTS)

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

The funding for this grant will be utilized to staff traffic focused deputies to conduct traffic enforcement throughout Pinal County. This includes in our rural county areas, highly populated unincorporated areas such as San Tan Valley and Gold Canyon, in areas where we routinely get reckless driver calls for service, and areas where we see high volume of crashes occurring. The Traffic Unit receives citizen complaints and requests for enforcement in the areas they live and commute, and traffic focused deputies respond to those locations multiple times each month for observation and enforcement. The funding is a critical and valuable resource in improving roadway safety in Pinal County. The funding would allow traffic deputies to attend educational and community events to speak about traffic safety. 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. 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 that reduces traffic flow. 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 received more than 40 citizen traffic complaints. These complaints cover all areas of Pinal County from Hidden Valley, to Arizona City, to Pinal Airpark Road, to Oracle and Saddlebrook, to Queen Valley and Gold Canyon, and several areas in the San Tan Valley, the most populated yet unincorporated are of Pinal County. These traffic complaints are kept updated to document response dates, times, and observations, and maintained on a log in which traffic deputies monitor. These traffic complaints get forwarded to Patrol Deputies as well and due to short staffing with vast coverage areas and calls for service, it is not always possible for deputies to be in these areas when reported problems are occurring. In addition to our citizen traffic complaint areas, which mostly are speed related, Traffic Deputies work diligently in the high populated areas where we have main thoroughfares, and collision rates to conduct traffic enforcement to reduce speeding, reckless driving, distracted driving, and remove identified impaired drivers. By doing this, our goal is to make our roadways safer for the motoring public. The traffic problem is happening during the week during AM and PM rush hours, but not to exclude weekends and throughout the day and night where traffic isn't as congested. The program areas with greatest need include overtime funding for traffic and DUI enforcement, to include use of speed trailers to deploy to problematic areas. Speed trailers can provide needed statistical data, which allow PCSO to make a real impact throughout the county.

SECTION C: Goals and Objectives – Police Traffic Services

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 speeding-related crashes 10 % from 117 in calendar year 2024 to 105 by December 31, 2026.

To decrease the number of serious injuries in speeding-related crashes 10 % from 28 in calendar year 2024 to 25 by December 31, 2026.

To decrease the number of fatalities in speeding-related crashes 10 % from 8 in calendar year 2024 to 7 by December 31, 2026.

Contract Objectives:

To increase the number of speeding and aggressive driving citations 5 % from 3857 in FFY 2024 to 4050 during FFY 2026.

Conduct targeted speed enforcement efforts a minimum of 15 times per month 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.

Pinal County Sheriff's Office will teach a minimum of two driver's education classes to our youth and new drivers, and teach two Radar and LIDAR classes to certify new deputies.

Pinal County Sheriff's Office will collect data to be analyzed for best response and enforcement from our speed complaint areas and main thoroughfares with the use of the new speed deployment trailers.

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: $ 25,000

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 traffic deputies will conduct traffic unit details and speed enforcement throughout Pinal County during the first quarter. Focus areas will include major thoroughfares, high collision areas and reckless driver calls for service areas, citizen complaint areas. Emphasis will be speed and moving violations.
It is anticipated we would expend approximately $25,000 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County Roadways.

The 1st Quarter reports will be completed and sent to GOHS as part of quarterly reporting.

2nd Quarter: 01/01/2026 - 03/31/2026 Estimated 2nd Quarter Expenditures: $ 38,334

PCSO will conduct traffic unit details and speed enforcement throughout Pinal County during the second quarter. This will include a minimum of 15 targeted enforcement areas each month, and being visible on our main thoroughfares, and citizen complaint areas. PCSO will deploy traffic deputies and patrol deputies as needed to maintain and service all areas of Pinal County to improve overall roadway safety by traffic enforcement. Emphasis will be speed and moving violations.
It is anticipated we would expend approximately $38,334 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County Roadways.

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: $ 38,334

PCSO will conduct traffic unit details and speed enforcement throughout Pinal County during the third quarter. This will include a minimum of 15 targeted enforcement areas each month, and being visible on our main thoroughfares, and citizen complaint areas. PCSO will deploy traffic deputies and patrol deputies as needed to maintain and service all areas of Pinal County to improve overall roadway safety by traffic enforcement. Emphasis will be speed and moving violations.
It is anticipated we would expend approximately $38,334 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County Roadways.

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: $ 38,332

PCSO will conduct traffic unit details and speed enforcement throughout Pinal County during the fourth quarter. This will include a minimum of 15 targeted enforcement areas each month, and being visible on our main thoroughfares, and citizen complaint areas. PCSO will deploy traffic deputies and patrol deputies as needed to maintain and service all areas of Pinal County to improve overall roadway safety by traffic enforcement. Emphasis will be speed and moving violations.
It is anticipated we would expend approximately $38,332 in overtime funding to maintain proactive and visible traffic enforcement on our Pinal County Roadways.

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:

Speed Enforcement Overtime Funding:

Upon receiving an agreement contract from the Arizona Governor's 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 STEP Enforcement overtime funding will be used for monthly speed details, and saturated speed enforcement throughout Pinal County. This will include being visible in citizen complaint areas received during the year. The focus area will be speed and moving violations that make our roadways less safe, and result in preventable vehicle collisions where people get hurt or killed. The approximately ERE percentage will be 25%.

Personnel Services: **Employee Related Expenses:**

Description	Requested Amount	Overtime Amount	ERE Amount	ERE %
STEP Enforcement Overtime	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:

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:

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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.