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: Accident Investigation

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

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to the PCSO Traffic Unit to support overtime costs to investigate fatality and serious injury collisions. The PCSO Traffic Unit manages and oversees the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force. This task force is comprised of investigators from: Queen Creek, Eloy, Coolidge, Maricopa, Superior, and Florence. The task force is responsible for investigating fatality, serious injury, and liability collisions from all of these jurisdictions. Additionally, PCSO Vehicle Crimes investigators assist other agencies as requested, to include Apache Junction, Gila River, Casa Grande PD, etc. This assistance includes crash reconstruction and review, and extracting crash data from vehicles that provide pre and post crash data that specifically relates to the crash event. Additionally, funding will allow a deputy with FARO scanning training and experience to attend a 5 day train the trainer program that will allow him to train a certified training course to additional deputies and staff.

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	1,230	1,227
Total Serious Injury Crashes	359	219	348
Total Fatal Crashes	19	22	8
Total Traffic Accident Investigations	1215	1,230	1,227
Total Traffic Serious Injury Investigations	359	219	348
Total Traffic Fatality Investigations	19	22	8

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 is comprised of 5,386 square miles with 10 incorporated Towns and Cities, and 16 unincorporated communities, some of which are highly populated such as San Tan Valley, Gold Canyon, and Arizona City. Additionally, there are 3 Native American Reservations in Pinal County. Pinal County terrain changes from farm land, to desert, to mountain regions. This results in climate ranging 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. These communities are close in proximity to the Phoenix Metropolitan area, and the Tucson Metropolitan area, 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 which connects multiple incorporated and unincorporated areas.

The highway safety problem varies from the different areas within 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, the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force conducted 17 fatality investigations, resulting in 20 deaths. Additionally, 7 serious injury collisions were investigated by the task force. There were 13 vehicle crimes cases in the jurisdiction of the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, which consisted of fatalities, serious injury, and liability collisions. There were 11 other vehicle crimes cases investigated from the other jurisdictions that make up the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force. The fatal and serious injury collisions are occurring in Pinal County in rural and urban areas, days and nights. These collisions include pedestrian victims that are walking adjacent to the roadway, or in some cases in the roadway wearing dark clothing, and bicyclists and motorcyclists have been killed on our roadways. These are complex investigations that require several hours at the scene of the investigation, and numerous hours conducting follow up, obtaining crash data and analysis from crashed vehicles, and reconstruction. PCSO utilizes a FARO Scanner and a Drone to process our vehicle accident crime scenes. PCSO could greatly benefit from having a Deputy who has FARO scanning and processing training and experience to attend a 5 day train the trainer program, which allows a PCSO Deputy to teach a FARO certified training course to additional PCSO Deputies and staff. This FARO program focuses on instruction on presentation skills, and provides facilitators' guides, manuals, and training power points. This training would be extended to other agencies who are part of the PCRVCTF, and as needed.

SECTION C: Goals and Objectives – Accident Investigation

In the spaces below, create **2 to 4** quantifiable goals that will relate to your agency's problem identification as stated in Section B-2. The 2026 Federal Fiscal Year begins on October 1, 2025 and ends on September 30, 2026.

Contract Objectives:

To fund overtime for thorough investigations of fatality and serious injury collisions that occur within the jurisdiction of Pinal County Sheriff's Office, and agencies that make up the PCRVCTF.

To have a Deputy who has training and experience with FARO scanning and processing to attend a 5 day train the trainer program which would allow more staff to be FARO certified and trained.

Assist PCSO and agencies in Crash Data Retrieval, referred to as the Event Data Recorder, that provides pre and post impact crash data needed for investigations and crash reconstruction.

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: $ 21,420

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 utilize the overtime funding for vehicle crimes unit call outs and investigations, regardless of jurisdiction as part of the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force. PCSO will be available to assist agencies as needed for EDR extractions and analysis.
This will expend approximately $5,000.
Additionally, PCSO will schedule a Deputy to attend a 5 day train the trainer program which will expend $16,420. This training will be held within 90 days of purchase.
The 1st Quarter reports and statistical information and data will be completed and sent to GOHS as part of quarterly reporting.

2nd Quarter: 01/01/2026 - 03/31/2026 Estimated 2nd Quarter Expenditures: $ 7,000

PCSO will utilize the overtime funding for vehicle crimes unit call outs and investigations, regardless of jurisdiction as part of the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force. PCSO will be available to assist agencies as needed for EDR extractions and analysis.
This will expend approximately $7,000.
(add FARO training train the trainer)
The 2nd Quarter reports and statistical information and data 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: $ 7,000

PCSO will utilize the overtime funding for vehicle crimes unit call outs and investigations, regardless of jurisdiction as part of the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force. PCSO will be available to assist agencies as needed for EDR extractions and analysis.
This will expend approximately $7,000.
The 3rd Quarter reports and statistical information and data will be completed and sent to GOHS as part of quarterly reporting.

4th Quarter: 07/01/2026 - 09/30/2026

Estimated 4th Quarter Expenditures: $ 6,000

PCSO will utilize the overtime funding for vehicle crimes unit call outs and investigations, regardless of jurisdiction as part of the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force. PCSO will be available to assist agencies as needed for EDR extractions and analysis.
This will expend approximately $6,000.
The 4th Quarter reports and statistical information and data will be completed and sent to GOHS as part of quarterly reporting.

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:

Accident Investigation Overtime Funds:

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 Accident Investigation overtime funds of $25,000 will be used for any vehicle crimes call out, or VCU investigations, to include the Pinal County Regional Vehicle Crimes Task Force, which includes fatality and serious injury collisions throughout Pinal County. The funding would also assist VCU Investigators when they are sought for assistance from outside agencies to complete EDR imaging and scene processing as needed. The approximately ERE percentage will be 25%.

Personnel Services: **Employee Related Expenses:**

Description	Requested Amount	Overtime Amount	ERE Amount	ERE %
Accident Investigation Overtime	25,000	20,000	5,000	25.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
Total:	$ 25,000	$ 20,000	$ 5,000	

Professional & Outside Services

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

5 Day FARO Train the Trainer Program

PCSO vehicle crimes unit utilizes two FARO Scanners for documenting crash scenes. The data obtained from the FARO Scanner is processed at a computer with Pix4D software. This allows an accurate, to scale, visual of a scene that is utilized during crash reconstruction and courtroom presentation.

FARO offers a 5 day Train the Trainer Program that allows a Deputy with FARO scanning and processing training and experience to teach a FARO Certified Training Course to additional PCSO Deputies and staff, as well as officers from other jurisdictions as needed. The training provides the trainer with instruction on presentation skills, as well as transfer of learning and training design. Electronic guides and training materials are provided, to include power points and manuals.
Documentation from FARO attached.

Professional & Outside Services:

Description	Requested Amount
5 Day FARO Train the Trainer Program	16,420

Total: $ 16,420

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	$ 20,000
Employee Related Expenses	$ 5,000
Professional & Outside Services	$ 16,420
Travel	$ 0
Materials & Supplies	$ 0
Capital Outlay	$ 0
Total:	$ 41,420

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.