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Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement Grant Application

Project Type: Enforcement

State Fiscal Year: 2026 **Due Date: April 11, 2025**

Grant application decisions are reviewed and decided upon by the Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement (DUI Abatement Council) and include consideration for the following: analysis of crash data, need for the project, past performance with highway safety grants (if applicable), and abatement funding availability.

In accordance with A.R.S. § 28-1303, the DUI Abatement Council provides state grant funding for qualifying enforcement projects.

A.R.S. § 28-1303:

The council shall make grants from the driving under the influence abatement fund established by A.R.S. § 28-1304 to political subdivisions and tribal governments that apply for monies for enforcement purposes, prosecutorial and judicial activities and alcohol abuse treatment services related to preventing and abating driving or operating under the influence occurrences in a motor vehicle or a motorized watercraft as defined in section 5-301.

Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Grant Application for DUI Abatement Projects

SECTION A: Agency Application Information

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Please attach a cover letter addressed to the Chairman of the DUI Abatement Council on agency letterhead. The cover letter **must be signed** by a representative of your agency authorized to commit your agency to conducting the grant should your proposal be approved by the Council for funding.

SECTION B-1: Agency Overview

Provide the requested information and statistics for your agency.

Project Title: DUI Abatement Council Enforcement

Project Description: (1 – 2 paragraph summary of proposed Enforcement program)**:**

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to supplement DUI Overtime Enforcement throughout Pinal County during the State Fiscal Year 2026. PCSO Traffic Unit will conduct saturation patrols and DUI task force deployments during peak times where impaired driving is prominent, such as weekends and holidays. The funding could also allow PCSO instructors to teach new deputies and officers GOHS approved training classes in order to identify and arrest impaired drivers.

Agency Background:

Provide an overview of your agency, including the population and demographics of the community or area you serve. For law enforcement agencies, include a description of roadways, such as key streets and highways, in the agency's jurisdiction:

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office employs approximately 506 people, which includes sworn deputies, detention officers, and civilan and support staff. 226 are sworn deputies with 22 vacancies, 132 are detention officers with 19 vacancies, and there are 149 civilian staff with 23 vacancies. The sheriff's office has three patrol regions and multiple specialty divisions, including but not limited to traffic, criminal investigations, search and rescue, aviation, K-9, anti smuggling, range, training, civil, and narcotics. The deputies are responsible for patrolling the unincorporated and populated areas, rural areas, and assist city agencies as needed. The detention staff operates the Pinal County Adult Detention Center which houses inmates from multiple jurisdictions within Pinal County. The civilian and support staff include dispatch, human resources, records, evidence, finance, region admininstrative assistants, community relations, etc.

Pinal County's population continues to grow each year at a rapid pace, with approximately 500,000 people who live in rural and urban communities, both incorporated and unincorporated areas throughout Pinal County. Pinal County consists of 5,386 square miles and includes 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. The terrain varies from farm land, desert, and mountain regions. The rural areas are expanding with new residential communities and commercial businesses.

There are many roadways throughout Pinal County that include interstates, state highways, county roads, and residential streets. Interstate 10 is the major connection for Phoenix and Tucson, and Interstate 8 connects Pinal County commuters to the West. US Highway 60 extends from East Mesa to Superior and the mining communities. State Route Highways patrolled by the Arizona Department of Public Safety include 77, 79, 87, 88, 84, and 347. There are multiple major roadways that allow Pinal County commuters to get to other locations in Pinal County, and into Maricopa County. These include Gantzel

Road, Hunt Highway, Gary Road, Bella Vista Road, Arizona Farms Road, Attaway Road, Battaglia Road, Sunland Gin Road, McCartney Road, Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway, etc. These roadways vary from one lane to multiple lanes of travel, with no median and separated medians. Speed limits vary from 25 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour on most county maintained roadways.

Organization size/number of sworn officers: 226 Sworn Deputies (248 authorized, 22 vacancies)

Total population in city/town/county served: 500,000

Total road mileage: Highway: **2,500** Local: **1,300** Total: **3,800**

Jurisdiction: ☒ 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

What problem is your agency looking to solve with this grant? Describe the nature and magnitude of the problem using valid, up-to-date statistical data. Indicate what is happening, when it is happening, where it is happening, and the contributing factors:

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office is seeking funding to supplement our ongoing efforts in combating driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol throughout Pinal County. Identifying, removing, and processing impaired drivers makes a significant impact in improving roadway safety for everyone who travels our roadways. Through our investigative efforts, DUI violators are being held accountable by the criminal justice system. Additional funding provided with this grant will allow for more deputies enforcing traffic laws throughout Pinal County, and as a result, deputies will remove more impaired drivers from our roadways. The funding will be available to be utilized for instructors to teach GOHS approved classes, such as, SFST / HGN Technician, ARIDE, and DRE School. This will result in more deputies being trained in recognizing impaired drivers that will improve roadway safety.

Pinal County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies respond to calls for service relating to reckless driving and collisions that occur each day. These calls are received during the morning rush hour, during the afternoons, evening rush hour, late nights, and in rural and populated areas throughout Pinal County. Drivers are being contacted during traffic stops relating to reckless driver calls and are found to be impaired and not safe to be operating a motor vehicle. Removing these dangerous drivers reduce collisions and preventable injuries and property damage. When deputies investigate traffic collisions, additional impaired drivers are identified and processed accordingly.

Due to the size and population of Pinal County, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office has a Traffic Unit that consists of two sergeants and eight deputies, to supplement the patrol regions in promoting traffic safety. The main duties and resposnsibilities within the traffic unit include intensive traffic enforcement with a focus on moving violations, identifying and removing alcohol and drug impaired drivers, collision investigations ranging from civil non injury to criminal fatality crash investigations. Through our efforts, traffic deputies contact and remove numerous additional impaired drivers from our roadways, resulting in safer roadways for all commuters.

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office leads and manages the Pinal County Regional DUI Task Force. The task force is comprised of law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions within Pinal Couny, including Apache Junction, Superior, Queen Creek, Florence, Coolidge, Eloy, Casa Grande, and Maricopa. The deputies and officers have additional training in DUI enforcement, up to and including Drug Recognition Expert.

Pinal County continues to grow at a rapid pace, due to its proximity to the Phoenix and Tucson areas. The climate, affordiability, and job opportunities that Pinal County offers attracts families from all over the nation. The increase in population puts a strain on our roadway system and multiple areas of Pinal County transitioned from a suburban area to an urban area within years. The growth requires residential and commercial construction, that includes roadway construction and expansion. Resulting from this rapid growth is increased traffic that produces reckless and impatient drivers, many that are found to be impaired by drugs and alcohol.

In 2024 Pinal County Dispatch received 1604 reckless driver calls for service. These call types can range from speeding vehicles, red light and stop violations, lane violations, etc. There were 249 calls for service classified as road rage. These call types often include two or more vehicles engaging in dangerous driving behaviors that put other motorists at risk of crashing or being involved in an unwanted roadway disturbance. Pinal County Dispatch classified 829 non injury collisions and 467 injury collisions during 2024. Over 26,000 traffic stops were conducted by deputies, resulting in 554 DUI arrests, 3,357 civil speed citations, and 377 criminal speed citations in 2024. These traffic stops also resulted in other violations and arrests.

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

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

Grant Period
Quarter 1 (July 1 to September 30)
Quarter 2 (October 1 to December 31)
Quarter 3 (January 1 to March 31)
Quarter 4 (April 1 to June 30)

Pinal County Sheriff's Office will host an SFST / HGN Technician course, scheduled for September 17-19, 2025. PCSO has instructors who are able to assist in teaching various training blocks offered as part of this training course to teach deputies and officers to become HGN certified.

PCSO Traffic Unit will be deployed for DUI Task Force during the weekends of 4th of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Eve, Superbowl, St. Patrick's Day, Country Thunder, Cinco De Mayo, Memorial Day. These task force deployments are proactive in nature and strive to stop, identify, and remove impaired drivers. The deployments also are educational for law abiding citizens who operate motor vehicles on our roadways.

Statistics are maintained with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit, and reported to GOHS on mandatory reporting holiday weekends. Additionally quarter reports will be submitted to document activites and successes within a timely manner.

SECTION E: Project Budget

Please complete the budget categories relating to your agency's project proposal, providing a detailed description of all expected expenditures. The Abatement Council reserves the right to limit reimbursement of Employee Related Expenses (ERE) from zero (0) to a maximum rate of 40%.

Total Estimated Cost:

Description	Requested Amount
Personnel Services: To support overtime for DUI Enforcement and DUI Training for instructors to teach GOHS approved trainings.	$18,750
Employee Related Expenses (25%)	$6,250
Professional & Outside Services	$0.00
Materials & Supplies	$0.00
Capital Outlay	$0.00
Total:	$25,000

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.