

<b>1. GRANT TITLE</b> <b>Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)</b>	
<b>2. NAME OF AGENCY</b> <b>Merced</b>	<b>3. Grant Period</b> From: 10/01/2020 To: 09/30/2021
<b>4. AGENCY UNIT TO ADMINISTER GRANT</b> <b>Merced Police Department</b>	
<b>5. GRANT DESCRIPTION</b> Best practice strategies will be conducted to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary crash factors. The funded strategies may include impaired driving enforcement, enforcement operations focusing on primary crash factors, distracted driving, night-time seat belt enforcement, special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety, enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes, and educational programs. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect.	
<b>6. Federal Funds Allocated Under This Agreement Shall Not Exceed:      \$80,000.00</b>	
<b>7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:</b> The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Schedule A – Problem Statement, Goals and Objectives and Method of Procedure</li><li>Schedule B – Detailed Budget Estimate and Sub-Budget Estimate (if applicable)</li><li>Schedule B-1 – Budget Narrative and Sub-Budget Narrative (if applicable)</li><li>Exhibit A – Certifications and Assurances</li><li>Exhibit B* – OTS Grant Program Manual</li><li>Exhibit C – Grant Electronic Management System (GEMS) Access</li></ul> <p>*Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement as if attached hereto.</p> <p>These documents can be viewed at the OTS home web page under Grants: <a href="http://www.ots.ca.gov">www.ots.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p>We, the officials named below, hereby swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that we are duly authorized to legally bind the Grant recipient to the above described Grant terms and conditions.</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.</p>	
<b>8. Approval Signatures</b>	
<b>A. GRANT DIRECTOR</b> NAME: Lance Eber TITLE: Crime Analyst EMAIL: eberl@cityofmerced.org PHONE: (209) 385-4701 ADDRESS: 611 W 22nd St. Merced, CA 95340  _____ (Signature)                      (Date)  <b>C. FISCAL OFFICIAL</b> NAME: Venus Rodriguez TITLE: Finance Officer EMAIL: rodriguezv@cityofmerced.org PHONE: (209) 385-8547 ADDRESS: 611 W 22nd Street Merced, CA 95340  _____ (Signature)                      (Date)	<b>B. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL</b> NAME: Stephanie Dietz TITLE: Acting City Manager EMAIL: dietzs@cityofmerced.org PHONE: (209) 385-6834 ADDRESS: 611 W 22nd Street Merced, CA 95340  _____ (Signature)                      (Date)  <b>D. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY</b> NAME: Barbara Rooney TITLE: Director EMAIL: barbara.rooney@ots.ca.gov PHONE: (916) 509-3030 ADDRESS: 2208 Kausen Drive Suite 300 Elk Grove, CA 95758  _____ (Signature)                      (Date)

<b>E. ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY</b>  NAME: Carolyn Vu ADDRESS: 2208 Kausen Drive, Suite 300 Elk Grove, CA 95758	<b>9. DUNS INFORMATION</b>  DUNS #: 169211554 REGISTERED ADDRESS: 678 W 18th St CITY: Merced ZIP+4: 95340-4700
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10. PROJECTED EXPENDITURES						
FUND	CFDA	ITEM/APPROPRIATION	F.Y.	CHAPTER	STATUTE	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES
164 AL-21	20.608	0521-0890-101	2020	2020	BA/20	\$50,000.00
402PT-21	20.600	0521-0890-101	2020	2020	BA/20	\$30,000.00
				<b>AGREEMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$80,000.00</b>
<i>I CERTIFY upon my own personal knowledge that the budgeted funds for the current budget year are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.</i>				AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT		
				<b>\$80,000.00</b>		
				PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT		
					<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
OTS ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE			DATE SIGNED		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE	
					<b>\$80,000.00</b>	

## 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The Merced Police Department (MPD) continues to have concerns and problems with fatal and injury crashes within its jurisdiction. In 2019, the City of Merced recorded 4 fatal traffic crashes, a decrease from 11 fatal crashes in 2018. However, the total number of injury crashes in 2019 was 645, increasing from 618 injury crashes in 2018, and leading to an 8 percent upsurge in the total traffic crashes recorded within our jurisdiction.

During 2019, MPD issued 3,053 tickets for moving traffic violations, as well as 183 administrative traffic citations, and 342 driving under the influence (DUI) arrests, which is a 30 percent increase from the 263 DUI arrests recorded in 2018.

While pedestrian-involved crashes decreased from 71 in 2018 to 60 in 2019, as did bicycle-involved crashes, which decreased from 68 to 49, respectively, nighttime crashes increased from 201 in 2018 to 229 in 2019.

MPD continues to have issues with traffic violations, unsafe and DUI driving within its jurisdiction which results in too many fatal and injury crashes every year. The Department is requesting California Office of Traffic Safety grant funding to drastically reduce these traffic-related issues which are heavily impacting the City of Merced.

## 2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### A. Goals:

1. Reduce the number of persons killed in traffic crashes.
2. Reduce the number of persons injured in traffic crashes.
3. Reduce the number of pedestrians killed in traffic crashes.
4. Reduce the number of pedestrians injured in traffic crashes.
5. Reduce the number of bicyclists killed in traffic crashes.
6. Reduce the number of bicyclists injured in traffic crashes.
7. Reduce the number of persons killed in alcohol-involved crashes.
8. Reduce the number of persons injured in alcohol-involved crashes.
9. Reduce the number of persons killed in drug-involved crashes.
10. Reduce the number of persons injured in drug-involved crashes.
11. Reduce the number of persons killed in alcohol/drug combo-involved crashes.
12. Reduce the number of persons injured in alcohol/drug combo-involved crashes.
13. Reduce the number of motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes.
14. Reduce the number of motorcyclists injured in traffic crashes.
15. Reduce hit & run fatal crashes.
16. Reduce hit & run injury crashes.
17. Reduce nighttime (2100 - 0259 hours) fatal crashes.
18. Reduce nighttime (2100 - 0259 hours) injury crashes.

### B. Objectives:

1. Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15. The kick-off press releases and media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed to the OTS Public Information Officer at pio@ots.ca.gov, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, for approval 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release.

### Target Number

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2. Participate and report data (as required) in the following campaigns, National Walk to School Day, National Teen Driver Safety Week, NHTSA Winter Mobilization, National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, National Motorcycle Safety Month, National Bicycle Safety Month, National Click it or Ticket Mobilization, NHTSA Summer Mobilization, National Child Passenger Safety Week, and California's Pedestrian Safety Month.

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3. Develop (by December 31) and/or maintain a "HOT Sheet" program to notify patrol and traffic officers to be on the lookout for identified repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license as a result of DUI convictions. Updated HOT sheets should be distributed to patrol and traffic officers monthly.	12
4. Send law enforcement personnel to the NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) (minimum 16 hours) POST-certified training.	1
5. Send law enforcement personnel to the NHTSA Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) 16 hour POST-certified training.	1
6. Send law enforcement personnel to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.	1
7. Send law enforcement personnel to the DRE Recertification training.	1
8. Send law enforcement personnel to SFST Instructor training.	1
9. Send law enforcement personnel to DRE Instructor training.	1
10. Conduct DUI/DL Checkpoints. A minimum of 1 checkpoint should be conducted during the NHTSA Winter Mobilization and 1 during the Summer Mobilization. To enhance the overall deterrent effect and promote high visibility, it is recommended the grantee issue an advance press release and conduct social media activity for each checkpoint. For combination DUI/DL checkpoints, departments should issue press releases that mention DL's will be checked at the DUI/DL checkpoint. Signs for DUI/DL checkpoints should read "DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Ahead." OTS does not fund or support independent DL checkpoints. Only on an exception basis and with OTS pre-approval will OTS fund checkpoints that begin prior to 1800 hours. When possible, DUI/DL Checkpoint screeners should be DRE- or ARIDE-trained.	4
11. Conduct DUI Saturation Patrol operation(s).	18
12. Conduct Traffic Enforcement operation(s), including but not limited to, primary crash factor violations.	18
13. Conduct highly publicized pedestrian and/or bicycle enforcement operation(s) in areas or during events with a high number of pedestrian and/or bicycle crashes resulting from violations made by pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.	4
<b>3. METHOD OF PROCEDURE</b> <b>A. Phase 1 – Program Preparation (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of Grant Year)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The department will develop operational plans to implement the "best practice" strategies outlined in the objectives section.</li> <li>All training needed to implement the program should be conducted this quarter.</li> <li>All grant related purchases needed to implement the program should be made this quarter.</li> <li>In order to develop/maintain the "Hot Sheets," research will be conducted to identify the "worst of the worst" repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license as a result of DUI convictions. The Hot Sheets may include the driver's name, last known address, DOB, description, current license status, and the number of times suspended or revoked for DUI. Hot Sheets should be updated and distributed to traffic and patrol officers at least monthly.</li> <li>Implementation of the STEP grant activities will be accomplished by deploying personnel at high crash locations.</li> </ul> <b>Media Requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15, but no earlier than October 1. If unable to meet the November 15 date, communicate reasons to your OTS Coordinator. The kick-off press releases and any related media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed for approval to the OTS Public Information Officer at <a href="mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov">pio@ots.ca.gov</a>, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release.</li> </ul> <b>B. Phase 2 – Program Operations (Throughout Grant Year)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The department will work to create media opportunities throughout the grant period to call attention to the innovative program strategies and outcomes.</li> </ul> <b>Media Requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send all grant-related activity press releases, media advisories, alerts and general public materials to the OTS Public Information Officer (PIO) at <a href="mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov">pio@ots.ca.gov</a>, with a copy to your OTS Coordinator. The following requirements are for grant-related activities and are different from those regarding any grant kick-off release or announcement.</li> </ul>	

- If an OTS-supplied, template-based press release is used, there is no need for pre-approval, however, the OTS PIO and Coordinator should be copied when at the same time as the release is distributed to the press.
- If an OTS-supplied template is not used, or is substantially changed, a draft press release shall be sent to the OTS PIO for approval. Optimum lead-time would be 10 days prior to the release distribution date, but should be no less than 5 working days prior to the release distribution date.
- Press releases reporting the immediate and time-valued results of grant activities such as enforcement operations are exempt from the recommended advance approval process, but still should be copied to the OTS PIO and Coordinator when the release is distributed to the press.
- Activities such as warrant or probation sweeps and court stings that could be compromised by advanced publicity are exempt from pre-publicity, but are encouraged to offer embargoed media coverage and to report the results.
- Use the following standard language in all press, media, and printed materials: Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Email the OTS PIO at [pio@ots.ca.gov](mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov) and copy your OTS Coordinator at least 30 days in advance, a short description of any significant grant-related traffic safety event or program so OTS has sufficient notice to arrange for attendance and/or participation in the event.
- Submit a draft or rough-cut of all printed or recorded material (brochures, posters, scripts, artwork, trailer graphics, etc.) to the OTS PIO at [pio@ots.ca.gov](mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov) and copy your OTS Coordinator for approval 14 days prior to the production or duplication.
- Space permitting, include the OTS logo, on grant-funded print materials; consult your OTS Coordinator for specifics and format-appropriate logos.
- Contact the OTS PIO or your OTS Coordinator, sufficiently far enough in advance of need, for consultation when deviation from any of the above requirements might be contemplated

#### **C. Phase 3 – Data Collection & Reporting (Throughout Grant Year)**

1. Prepare and submit invoice claims (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
2. Prepare and submit Quarterly Performance Reports (QPR) (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
  - Collect and report quarterly, appropriate data that supports the progress of goals and objectives.
  - Provide a brief list of activity conducted, procurement of grant-funded items, and significant media activities. Include status of grant-funded personnel, status of contracts, challenges, or special accomplishments.
  - Provide a brief summary of quarterly accomplishments and explanations for objectives not completed or plans for upcoming activities.
  - Collect, analyze and report statistical data relating to the grant goals and objectives.

#### **4. METHOD OF EVALUATION**

Using the data compiled during the grant, the Grant Director will complete the “Final Evaluation” section in the fourth/final Quarterly Performance Report (QPR). The Final Evaluation should provide a brief summary of the grant’s accomplishments, challenges and significant activities. This narrative should also include whether goals and objectives were met, exceeded, or an explanation of why objectives were not completed.

#### **5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

This program has full administrative support, and every effort will be made to continue the grant activities after grant conclusion.

FUND NUMBER	CATALOG NUMBER (CFDA)	FUND DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
164AL-21	20.608	Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	\$50,000.00
402PT-21	20.600	State and Community Highway Safety	\$30,000.00

COST CATEGORY	FUND NUMBER	UNIT COST OR RATE	UNITS	TOTAL COST TO GRANT
<b>A. PERSONNEL COSTS</b>				
Positions and Salaries <b><u>Straight Time</u></b>				\$0.00
<b><u>Overtime</u></b>				
DUI/DL Checkpoints	164AL-21	\$7,000.00	4	\$28,000.00
DUI Saturation Patrols	164AL-21	\$1,000.00	18	\$18,000.00
Traffic Enforcement	402PT-21	\$1,000.00	18	\$18,000.00
Pedestrian and Bicycle Enforcement	402PT-21	\$1,000.00	4	\$4,000.00
AL Overtime Benefits @ 7.65%	164AL-21	\$46,000.00	1	\$3,519.00
PT Overtime Benefits @ 7.65%	402PT-21	\$22,000.00	1	\$1,683.00
Category Sub-Total				\$73,202.00
<b>B. TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>				
In State Travel	402PT-21	\$6,000.00	1	\$6,000.00
				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$6,000.00
<b>C. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>				
				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$0.00
<b>D. EQUIPMENT</b>				
				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$0.00
<b>E. OTHER DIRECT COSTS</b>				
DUI Checkpoint Supplies	164AL-21	\$481.00	1	\$481.00
Bicycle Helmets	402PT-21	\$317.00	1	\$317.00
Category Sub-Total				\$798.00
<b>F. INDIRECT COSTS</b>				
				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$0.00
<b>GRANT TOTAL</b>				<b>\$80,000.00</b>

**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

**PERSONNEL COSTS**

DUI/DL Checkpoints - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.

DUI Saturation Patrols - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.

Traffic Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.

AL Overtime Benefits @ 7.65% - Total Benefits  
 6.20% Social Security  
 1.45% Medicare

PT Overtime Benefits @ 7.65% - Total Benefits  
 6.20% Social Security  
 1.45% Medicare

**TRAVEL EXPENSES**

In State Travel - Costs are included for appropriate staff to attend conferences and training events supporting the grant goals and objectives and/or traffic safety. Local mileage for grant activities and meetings is included. Anticipated travel may include Lifesavers 2021 Conference. All conferences, seminars or training not specifically identified in the Budget Narrative must be approved by OTS. All travel claimed must be at the agency approved rate. Per Diem may not be claimed for meals provided at conferences when registration fees are paid with OTS grant funds.

**CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

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**EQUIPMENT**

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**OTHER DIRECT COSTS**

DUI Checkpoint Supplies - On-scene supplies needed to conduct sobriety checkpoints. Costs may include 28 traffic cones, MUTCD compliant traffic signs, MUTCD compliant high visibility vests (maximum of 10), traffic counters (maximum of 2), generator, gas for generators, lighting, reflective banners, electronic flares, PAS device supplies, heater, propane for heaters, fan, anti-fatigue mats, and canopies. Additional items may be purchased if approved by OTS. The cost of food and beverages will not be reimbursed.

Bicycle Helmets - Helmets to be distributed during bicycle rodeos and other bicycle safety related events.

**INDIRECT COSTS**

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**STATEMENTS/DISCLAIMERS**

There will be no program income generated from this grant.

Nothing in this "agreement" shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal, that a particular law enforcement officer issue a specified or predetermined number of citations in pursuance of the goals and objectives here under.

**CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES  
HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS**

**(23 U.S.C. CHAPTER 4 AND SEC. 1906, PUB. L. 109-59, AS AMENDED)**

Failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives may subject Grantee Agency officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place State in a high-risk grantee status in accordance with 49 CFR 18.12.

The Officials named on the grant agreement signature page, that the Grantee Agency complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives and State rules, guidelines, policies and laws in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Applicable provisions include but are not limited to the following:

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 – Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended
- 2 CFR part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
- 49 CFR Part 18- Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
- 23 CFR part 1300 – Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs

**NONDISCRIMINATION**

**(applies to subrecipients as well as States)**

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination ("Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities"). These include but are not limited to:

- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** (42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin) and 49 CFR part 21;
- **The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970**, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- **Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973**, (23 U.S.C. 324 *et seq.*), and **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683 and 1685-1686) (prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex);
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, (29 U.S.C. 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR part 27;
- **The Age Discrimination Act of 1975**, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- **The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987**, (Pub. L. 100-209), (broadens scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);
- **Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act** (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- **Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations** (prevents discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations); and



• **Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency** (guards against Title VI national origin discrimination/discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP) by ensuring that funding recipients take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs (70 FR 74087-74100)).

The State highway safety agency—

- Will take all measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, limited English proficiency, or membership in any other class protected by Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities, so long as any portion of the program is Federally-assisted;
- Will administer the program in a manner that reasonably ensures that any of its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants receiving Federal financial assistance under this program will comply with all requirements of the Non-Discrimination Authorities identified in this Assurance;
- Agrees to comply (and require its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants to comply) with all applicable provisions of law or regulation governing US DOT's or NHTSA's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff, and to cooperate and comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by US DOT or NHTSA under any Federal Nondiscrimination Authority;
- Acknowledges that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under these Non-Discrimination Authorities and this Assurance;
- Agrees to insert in all contracts and funding agreements with other State or private entities the following clause:

“During the performance of this contract/funding agreement, the contractor/funding recipient agrees—

- a. To comply with all Federal nondiscrimination laws and regulations, as may be amended from time to time;
- b. Not to participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by any Federal non-discrimination law or regulation, as set forth in appendix B of 49 CFR part 21 and herein;
- c. To permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as required by the State highway safety office, US DOT or NHTSA;
- d. That, in event a contractor/funding recipient fails to comply with any nondiscrimination provisions in this contract/funding agreement, the State highway safety agency will have the right to impose such contract/agreement sanctions as it or NHTSA determine are appropriate, including but not limited to withholding payments to the contractor/funding recipient under the contract/agreement until the contractor/funding recipient complies; and/or cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract or funding agreement, in whole or in part; and
- e. To insert this clause, including paragraphs (a) through (e), in every subcontract and subagreement and in every solicitation for a subcontract or sub-agreement, that receives Federal funds under this program.

**POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT)**  
**(applies to subrecipients as well as States)**

The state will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508), which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING**  
**(applies to subrecipients as well as States)**

## Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

### **RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING**

#### **(applies to subrecipients as well as States)**

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

### **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

#### **(applies to subrecipients as well as States)**

Instructions for Primary Tier Participant Certification (States)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective primary tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.
4. The prospective primary tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms *covered transaction*, *civil judgment*, *debarment*, *suspension*, *ineligible*, *participant*, *person*, *principal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency may terminate the transaction for cause or default.

#### *Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Tier Covered Transactions*

(1) The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary tier participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms *covered transaction*, *civil judgment*, *debarment*, *suspension*, *ineligible*, *participant*, *person*, *principal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

*Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions:*

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### **BUY AMERICA ACT**

##### **(applies to subrecipients as well as States)**

The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase with Federal funds only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification for approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

#### **PROHIBITION ON USING GRANT FUNDS TO CHECK FOR HELMET USAGE**

##### **(applies to subrecipients as well as States)**

The State and each subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.

#### **POLICY ON SEAT BELT USE**

In accordance with Executive Order 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, dated April 16, 1997, the Grantee is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for providing leadership and guidance in support of this Presidential initiative. For information and resources on traffic safety programs and policies for employers, please contact the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), a public-private partnership dedicated to improving the traffic safety practices of employers and employees. You can download information on seat belt programs, costs of motor vehicle crashes to employers, and other traffic safety initiatives at [www.trafficsafety.org](http://www.trafficsafety.org). The NHTSA website ([www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)) also provides information on statistics, campaigns, and program evaluations and references.

#### **POLICY ON BANNING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING**

In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, States are encouraged to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted driving, including policies to ban text messaging while driving company-owned or rented vehicles, Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles, or privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work on or behalf of the Government. States are also encouraged to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDING OR UPDATING GEMS USERS

1. Each agency is allowed a total of **FIVE (5) GEMS Users**.
2. GEMS Users listed on this form will be authorized to login to GEMS to complete and submit Quarterly Performance Reports (QPRs) and reimbursement claims.
3. Complete the form if adding, removing or editing a GEMS user(s).
4. The Grant Director, Fiscal Official or Authorizing Official must sign and return it with the Grant Agreement.

### Grant Details

Grant Number:	PT21123
Agency Name:	Merced Police Department
Grant Title:	Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
Agreement Total:	\$80,000.00
Authorizing Official:	Stephanie Dietz
Fiscal Official:	Venus Rodriguez
Grant Director:	Lance Eber

### Current GEMS User(s)

#### 1. Lance Eber

Title: Crime Analyst

Phone: (209) 385-4701

Email: eberl@cityofmerced.org

Media Contact: Yes

#### 2. Deborah Richardson

Title: Accountant II

Phone: (209) 385-6930

Email: richardsonde@cityofmerced.org

Media Contact: No

Complete the below information if adding, removing or editing a GEMS user(s)

<b>GEMS User 1</b> Add/Change <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Access <input type="checkbox"/>		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name		Job Title
Email address		Phone number
<b>GEMS User 2</b> Add/Change <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Access <input type="checkbox"/>		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name		Job Title
Email address		Phone number
<b>GEMS User 3</b> Add/Change <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Access <input type="checkbox"/>		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name		Job Title
Email address		Phone number
<b>GEMS User 4</b> Add/Change <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Access <input type="checkbox"/>		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name		Job Title
Email address		Phone number
<b>GEMS User 5</b> Add/Change <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Access <input type="checkbox"/>		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name		Job Title
Email address		Phone number
Form completed by:		Date:
As a signatory I hereby authorize the listed individual(s) to represent and have GEMS user access.		
Signature		Name
Date		Title