

MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY GRANTS

Year	2005 (TEA-21)	2006	2007	2008	2009
Authorization	\$0	\$6M	\$6M	\$6M	\$7M

Program Purpose

Section 2010 of SAFETEA-LU establishes a new program of incentive grants to encourage States to adopt and implement effective programs to reduce the number of single and multi-vehicle crashes involving motorcyclists. A State may use these grants funds only for motorcyclist safety training and motorcyclist awareness programs, including improvement of training curricula, delivery of training, recruitment or retention of motorcyclist safety instructors, and public awareness and outreach programs.

Eligibility

Beginning FY 2006, a State is eligible for an incentive grant by meeting one criterion in the first fiscal year in which a State receives a grant and two of the following six criteria in subsequent fiscal years:

- Motorcycle Rider Training Courses - an effective motorcycle rider training course offered statewide.
- Motorcyclists Awareness Program – an effective statewide program to enhance motorists awareness of the presence of motorcyclists on or near roadway and safe driving practices that avoid injuries to motorcyclists.
- Reduction of Fatalities and Crashes Involving Motorcycles – a reduction for the preceding year in the number of motorcycle fatalities and the rate of motor vehicle crashes involving motorcycles.
- Impaired Driving Program – a statewide program to reduce impaired driving, including specific measures to reduce impaired motorcycle operation.
- Reduction of Fatalities and Accidents Involving Impaired Motorcyclists – a reduction for the preceding year in the number of fatalities and the rate of reported crashes involving alcohol or drug impaired motorcycle operators.
- Fees Collected From Motorcyclists – all fees collected by the State from motorcyclists to be used for motorcycle training and safety programs.

For the purposes of this section, those jurisdictions defined as “States” in chapter 1 of Title 23 are eligible to receive Section 2010 funds; this includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Funding

Authorizes \$25 million over four years. The amount of funding to each State each year may not be less than \$100,000 and may not exceed 25 percent of the amount apportioned to the State under section 402 in FY 2003. States must demonstrate a maintenance of effort.

An agency of a State may sub-allocate funds from the grant to a nonprofit organization in that State.

Program Administration

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will administer this program.