

**Standard Agreement
State Highway Traffic Safety Section**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 2701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 201001, Helena, Montana, Congressional District 2, hereinafter called the "Department" and **Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 35017, Billings, Montana, 59107**, hereinafter called the "Subrecipient".

Funds provided are described in the Assistance Listing number(s) **20.600, 20.608 awarded** by the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), as authorized by **23 U.S.C; 402, State and Community Highway Safety Programs, 164, Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated. Actual award is contingent upon the availability of NHTSA funding.** MDT received this funding through Federal Award Identification Number(s) (FAIN) **69A37526300004020MTO, 69A37522600001640MTA** awarded throughout the federal fiscal year 2026. For Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026) the estimated total of this/these Federal Award(s) is **\$2,900,000, \$8,000,000 respectively.**

ARTICLE 1. PROJECT

Section 1.1 **Purpose of Contract.** This project provides assistance for the Sub-recipient's highway traffic safety program, as per 23 CFR; **402, 164a.** This project is not a research project.

Section 1.2 **Scope of the Project.** The Sub-recipient shall implement and utilize project funding as described in the FFY2026 Grant Application for Highway Traffic Safety Funding and provided in the objectives from Sub-recipient's application. The Sub-recipient shall use its best efforts to efficiently and economically complete the Project.

Section 1.3 **Project Description.** **High Visibility Enforcement Mini Grant** (see attachment B for full scope).

Section 1.4 **Period of Performance.** This project shall be started by the Sub-recipient within 10 days of **execution of the contract**, and shall be completed no later than **September 30, 2026**, unless the Department grants express written approval.

Section 1.5 **Costs of Project.** The total funding for the project shall be **\$8,500.00** (see attachment C). If during the term of this agreement, federal funds are reduced or eliminated, the Department may immediately terminate or reduce the grant award upon written notice to the Project Director.

Section 1.6 **Indirect Costs.** Indirect costs (IDC) must comply with 2 CFR Part 200.414 and Sub-part F— Appendices III-VIII and be approved by the Sub-recipient's federal cognizant agency. Sub-recipient shall submit a copy of the IDC approval letter to the Department for approval prior to execution of the Agreement. If approval is not received prior to execution of the Agreement, the Department will not make reimbursement payments until the IDC approval has been received and approved by the Department.

If the Montana Department of Transportation is the Sub-recipient's primary source of federal funds, the Sub-recipient shall submit a copy of its indirect cost plan to MDT for review and approval.

If the Sub-recipient does not have a negotiated indirect cost rate, a de minimis rate of 15% may be used. If there is a change in the indirect cost rate, Subrecipient must notify the Department to request a budget modification and the Department will determine whether an IDC rate adjustment is allowable.

Section 1.7 **Definitions.** (a) "Major item of apparatus or equipment" means an item with a useful life of more than one year and costing \$10,000.00 or more per unit.

(b) "Traffic safety purposes" means a project purpose which meets the State highway safety program, approved by the Secretary of Transportation, which is designed to reduce traffic crashes and the resulting deaths, injuries, and property damage from those crashes.

(c) "Useful life" means the expected, projected or actual period of time during which the equipment continues to function as designed without significant repair costs.

Section 1.8 **Equipment.** All equipment, including tools, for which purchase reimbursement is sought, will be used exclusively for traffic safety purposes. The equipment purchases are subject to the following provisions:

- (a) Any major item of apparatus and equipment for which reimbursement is sought and which is not identified specifically in the Proposal and approved as part of this Agreement shall be submitted in writing for approval by the Department prior to the purchase.
- (b) A major item of apparatus or equipment must be obtained by proper competitive practices in accordance with State of Montana purchasing laws and regulations.
- (c) The Sub-recipient must certify that the equipment costs shown in the Proposal as direct costs are excluded from the items in the indirect cost calculation, if applicable.
- (d) The Sub-recipient agrees to properly title any vehicle or other equipment which requires a title by State statute, in Sub-recipient's name.
- (e) The Sub-recipient agrees to activate the warranty on any equipment for which a warranty is available.
- (f) The Sub-recipient agrees to maintain records of any equipment and make such records and equipment available for inspection by the Department or its authorized representatives.
- (g) The Sub-recipient agrees to maintain the equipment for its stated program purposes for the useful life of the equipment.
- (h) The Sub-recipient agrees to retain ownership and/or title to the equipment for the equipment's useful life, and shall not sell, convey or otherwise transfer title or ownership of the equipment to any other governmental or private party, except as stated in this Agreement.
- (i) The Sub-recipient agrees to notify the Department if the equipment is not suited for its stated program purpose or is not in actual use by Sub-recipient as stated in the Agreement at any time during the useful life of the equipment. Sub-recipient agrees it shall not discontinue use, abandon, store, or otherwise cease use of the equipment for any reason whatsoever, unless notification is provided to the Department.
- (j) The Sub-recipient agrees that any equipment not in actual use by Sub-recipient during the equipment's useful life may be recovered by the Department, and possession (or title where applicable) transferred or conveyed permanently to the Department for redistribution to other program recipients.
- (k) The Sub-recipient agrees that any equipment which reaches the conclusion of its useful life may be disposed of by Sub-recipient, with prompt notification to the Department.
- (l) The Sub-recipient agrees that it shall maintain records of the disposition of the equipment after its useful life, for a period of three years beyond the disposition date.

Section 1.9 **Insurance.** During the Agreement term, the Sub-recipient shall maintain insurance or self-insurance (property damage and liability) adequate to protect the federal share portion of Project facilities and equipment. Sub-recipient will furnish proof of such insurance for the State's approval. Certificates of Insurance, indicating compliance with the required coverages, must be filed with the Purchasing Services Bureau within ten (10) working days of notice of award. This requirement, however, does not pertain to state and local government Sub-recipients. The proof of insurance/exemption must be valid for the entire agreement period. Agreements will not be issued to Sub-recipients that fail to submit insurance certification for proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance valid in the State of Montana or proof of exemption thereof.

Section 1.10 **Reporting/Close-out/Reimbursement Requests**. Sub-recipient shall advise the State in writing of project progress at such times and in such manner as the State may require, see Attachment D, Reporting Schedule. Reports are due 30 days following the end of the reporting period. The final report shall serve as close-out for contracts. Equipment contracts require annual reports throughout the useful life of the equipment. Reimbursement requests will not be considered unless accompanied by or referring to a submitted progress report.

Section 1.11 **Mandatory Disclosures**. The Sub-recipient must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Department all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR §200.338, including suspension or debarment, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.113.

Section 1.12 **Internal Controls**. The Sub-recipient must establish and maintain effective internal controls over the award that provide reasonable assurance to the Department that the Sub-recipient is managing the award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the Federal award, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.303.

Section 1.13 **Single Audit**. The Sub-recipient may be subject to the audit requirements of 2 CFR 200 Subpart F if the audit threshold in 2 CFR 200.501 of \$1,000,000 is met. An audit must be conducted in compliance with 2 CFR 200 Subpart F if required. The audit must be completed, and the data collection form and reporting package submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse within the earlier of 30 calendar days after the receipt of the auditor's report(s) or nine months after the end of the audit period. For local governments and school districts, the Sub-recipient will provide the report to the State of Montana, Department of Administration, Local Government Services Bureau. All other Sub-recipients such as Tribal Communities and Non-Profit Organizations will provide the report to the State of Montana, Department of Transportation, Audit Services if audit findings are discovered.

If a subrecipient fails to submit a single audit within the required timelines, MDT will not reimburse the subrecipient for grant expenditures. Subrecipient should cease project activity unless the subrecipient can incur the expense without reimbursement. In addition, MDT will be unable to enter into future agreements with the subrecipient until compliance with this section is completed including any corrective action required is taken.

Section 1.14 **Sub-Recipient Monitoring**. The Sub-recipient agrees MDT may subject the Sub-recipient to additional sub-recipient monitoring by the MDT State Highway Traffic Safety Program, at MDT's discretion, if the Sub-recipient acts or fails to act in any way that increases the risk of sub-recipient's inability to comply with the Agreement and/or federal and state grant requirements.

ARTICLE 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Section 2.1 **Default**. Nonperformance by the Sub-recipient of any obligation imposed by this Contract, including noncompliance with the federal assurances, or reduction of local project cost funding, will constitute default.

Section 2.2 **Termination**. This Agreement may be terminated at any time based upon mutual written consent of the parties. The Department may terminate this Agreement with or without notice by giving the Sub-recipient ten (10) business days written notice. If the Agreement is so terminated prior to the end of the Period of Performance, MDT will only reimburse the Sub-recipient for actual expenses, both direct and indirect, incurred to the date of termination.

Section 2.3 **Litigation**. In the event of litigation concerning this Agreement, venue shall only be in the First Judicial District Court of the State of Montana, Lewis and Clark County.

Section 2.4 **Agreement Modification.** Any change in the Agreement will only be by written agreement of the Parties.

Section 2.5 **Subcontracting.** Sub-recipient will not assign, sublet or transfer any part of this Agreement except by written subcontract, and with the prior written consent of the Department. The Sub-recipient must provide a copy of the draft subcontract to the assigned program manager for review and approval prior to finalization. Nothing contained within this document shall create any contractual relationships between any sub-sub-recipient and the Department.

Section 2.6 **Indemnification.** Sub-recipient shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Montana, Department of Transportation, its employees and agents from and against all claims, demands, or actions from damages to property or injury to persons or other damage to persons or entities arising or resulting from the performance of this Contract, including all costs and attorney fees.

Section 2.7 **Compliance with Laws.** Some of the clauses contained in this Agreement are not governed solely by Federal law, but are significantly affected by State law. The laws and regulations cited in this Agreement are not all-inclusive of those which may apply to the successful completion of this Agreement. The Sub-recipient understands that it is its responsibility to learn which federal, state and local laws and regulations will apply to its operation under this Agreement, and that Sub-recipient is solely responsible for its lawful compliance with all laws and regulations, including those in the attached Non-Discrimination Notice (attachment A).

Section 2.8 **Access and Retention of Records.** Sub-recipient agrees to provide the Department, USDOT, the Legislative Auditor or their authorized agent access to any records to determine compliance with this Agreement. The Sub-recipient agrees to create and retain records supporting this Agreement for a period of three (3) years after the completion date of the Agreement or at the conclusion of any claim, litigation, or exception relating to this Agreement taken by the Department or third party.

Section 2.9 **Severability and Integration.** If any part, or parts, of this Agreement are determined to be void, the remaining parts will remain valid and operative. This document, together with its schedules, attachments, and exhibits, represent the complete and entire understanding of the parties on its subject matter. No provision, express or implied, arising from any prior oral or written request, bid, inquiry, negotiation, contract, or any other form of communication, shall be a provision of this Agreement unless it is reduced to writing, signed by the parties, and attached to this document.

Section 2.10 **Waivers.** A party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver excusing the other party's future performance.

Section 2.11 **Seat Belt Policy.** In accordance with Executive Order 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, dated April 16, 1997, the Subrecipient 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 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. The NHTSA website (www.nhtsa.gov) also provides information on statistics, campaigns, and program evaluations and references.

ARTICLE 3. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Sub-recipient understands that this Agreement includes requirements specifically prescribed by Federal law or regulation. The Sub-recipient acknowledges they have read, understood, and agree to comply with the NHTSA federal fiscal year 2026 Certifications and Assurances and all Highway Safety Grant (23 U.S.C, Chapter 4) requirements including applicable federal statutes and regulations that are in effect during the grant period. The Sub-recipient also agrees to comply with any additional requirements the Department imposes on the Sub-recipient to ensure the federal award is used in accordance with federal statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of the federal award.

Section 3.1. **Nondiscrimination**. The State highway safety agency (and its subrecipients) 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;
- **49 CFR part 21** (entitled Non-discrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- **28 CFR section 50.3** (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- **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, sub-recipients 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;

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the “Acts” and “Regulations”, respectively.

General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Sub-recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including NHTSA.”

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other non-discrimination requirements (the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these nondiscrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Subrecipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above General Assurances, the Sub-recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances:

1. The Sub-recipient agrees that each “activity,” “facility,” or “program,” as defined in § 21.23(b) and (e) of 49 CFR part 21 will be (with regard to an “activity”) facilitated, or will be (with regard to a “facility”) operated, or will be (with regard to a “program”) conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.

2. The Sub-recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests for Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Highway Safety Grant Programs and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

“The [name of Recipient], in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d–4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.”

3. The Sub-recipient will insert the clauses of appendix A and E of this USDOT Order 1050.2A in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.

4. The Sub-recipient will insert the clauses of appendix B of DOT Order 1050.2A, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.

5. That where the Sub-recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.

6. That where the Sub-recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form of, or for the acquisition of, real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.

7. That the Sub-recipient will include the clauses set forth in appendix C and appendix D of USDOT Order 1050.2A, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Sub-recipient with other parties:

a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and

b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.

8. That this Assurance obligates the Sub-recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Sub-recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

- a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
- b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.

9. The Sub-recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

10. The Sub-recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

The Sub-recipient agrees to comply with and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply with all applicable provisions governing NHTSA's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. The Sub-recipient must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by NHTSA. The Sub-recipient must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to NHTSA, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. The Sub-recipient must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The Sub-recipient acknowledges that the above General and Specific Assurances are binding on the State highway safety agency, the Sub-recipient, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Highway Safety Grant Program.

Section 3.2 **Political Activity (Hatch Act).** The Sub-recipient will comply with the 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.

Section 3.3 **Certification Regarding Federal Lobbying.** 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 grants, 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.

Section 3.4 **Restriction on State Lobbying.** 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.

Section 3.5 **Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension.**

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.

3.6 Buy America Act. The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy American requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase only steel iron and manufactured products produced in the United State with Federal funds, 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.

3.7 Certification of Conflict of Interest.

General Requirements

No employee, officer or agent of a State or its subrecipient who is authorized in an official capacity to negotiate, make, accept or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting or approving any subaward, including contracts or subcontracts, in connection with this grant shall have, directly or indirectly, any financial or personal interest in any such subaward. Such a financial or personal interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or personal interest in or a tangible personal benefit from an entity considered for a subaward. Based on this policy:

1. The recipient shall maintain a written code or standards of conduct that provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents.

a. The code or standards shall provide that the recipient's officers, employees, or agents may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from present or potential subawardees, including contractors or parties to subcontracts.

b. The code or standards shall establish penalties, sanctions or other disciplinary actions for violations, as permitted by State or local law or regulations.

2. The recipient shall maintain responsibility to enforce the requirements of the written code or standards of conduct.

Disclosure Requirements

No State or its subrecipient, including its officers, employees or agents, shall perform or continue to perform under a grant or cooperative agreement, whose objectivity may be impaired because of any related past, present, or

currently planned interest, financial or otherwise, in organizations regulated by NHTSA or in organizations whose interests may be substantially affected by NHTSA activities. Based on this policy:

1. The recipient shall disclose any conflict of interest identified as soon as reasonably possible, making an immediate and full disclosure in writing to NHTSA. The disclosure shall include a description of the action which the recipient has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflict.

2. NHTSA will review the disclosure and may require additional relevant information from the recipient. If a conflict of interest is found to exist, NHTSA may (a) terminate the award, or (b) determine that it is otherwise in the best interest of NHTSA to continue the award and include appropriate provisions to mitigate or avoid such conflict.

3. Conflicts of interest that require disclosure include all past, present or currently planned organizational, financial, contractual or other interest(s) with an organization regulated by NHTSA or with an organization whose interests may be substantially affected by NHTSA activities, and which are related to this award. The interest(s) that require disclosure include those of any recipient, affiliate, proposed consultant, proposed subcontractor and key personnel of any of the above. Past interest shall be limited to within one year of the date of award. Key personnel shall include any person owning more than a 20 percent interest in a recipient, and the officers, employees or agents of a recipient who are responsible for making a decision or taking an action under an award where the decision or action can have an economic or other impact on the interests of a regulated or affected organization.

3.8 Prohibition of Using Grant Funds to Check for Helmet Usage. 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.

Project Directors and Points of Contact

The following individuals will be the respective project directors and points of contact for the Department and Sub-recipient.

Department:

Project Director:

1. Name Kevin Dusko
2. Title State Highway Traffic Safety Section Supervisor
3. Address P.O. Box 201001
Helena, Montana 59620-1001
4. Phone (406) 444-7417
5. Email kedusko@mt.gov

Point of Contact:

1. Name Kevin Dusko
2. Title State Highway Traffic Safety Section Supervisor
3. Address PO Box 201001
Helena, Montana 59620-1001
4. Phone (406) 444-7418
5. Email kedusko@mt.gov

Sub-recipient:

Project Director:

1. Name Michael Linder
2. Title Sheriff
3. Address PO Box 35017
Billings, Montana 59107
4. Phone (406) 256-2928
5. Email mlinder@yellowstonecountymt.gov

Point of Contact:

1. Name Carol Redler
2. Title Administrative Coordinator
3. Address PO Box 35017
Billings, Montana 59107
4. Phone (406) 256-2927
5. Email credler@yellowstonecountymt.gov

Fiscal contact:

1. Name Jennifer Jones
2. Title Finance Director
3. Address PO Box 35003
Billings, Montana 59107
4. Phone (406) 256-2816
5. Email jjones@yellowstonecountymt.gov

Agreement and Authorization to Proceed

The Sub-recipient warrants it has the lawful authority to enter into this Agreement, and that it has taken all actions and complied with all requirements necessary to execute the authority lawfully in entering into this Agreement, and that the undersigned signatory for Sub-recipient has been lawfully delegated authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Sub-recipient.

Authorizing Official of the Sub-recipient

1. Name Mark Morse
2. Title Chair - Board of County Commissioners
3. Address PO Box 35000
Billings, Montana 59107
4. Phone (406) 256-2701
5. Email mmorse@yellowstonecountymt.gov
6. Signature _____

Date

Delegation of Managing authority

To Project Director:

1. Name Michael Linder
2. Title Sheriff
3. Address PO Box 35017
Billings, Montana 59107
4. Phone (406) 256-2928
5. Email mlinder@yellowstonecountymt.gov
6. Signature  _____

12/3/2025

Date

Montana Department of Transportation Approval

1. Name/Title Douglas G McBroom, Operations Manager, Statewide Planning & Modal Operations
2. Address Montana Department of Transportation
PO Box 201001, Helena, Montana 59620-1001
3. Phone (406) 444-9240
4. Email dmcbroom@mt.gov
5. Signature _____

Date

Attachment A

Rev. 10/2025

MDT NONDISCRIMINATION AND DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

Montana Department of Transportation ("MDT") is committed to conducting all of its business in an environment free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. In accordance with State and Federal law MDT prohibits any and all discrimination and protections are all inclusive (hereafter "protected classes") by its employees or anyone with whom MDT does business:

Federal protected classes

Race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, and genetic information.

State protected classes

Race; color; national origin; familial or marital status; pregnancy, childbirth, or medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth; creed; social origin or condition; genetic information; sex, sexual orientation, gender identification or expression; ancestry; age; mental or physical disability; political or religious affiliations or ideas; military service or veteran status; vaccination status or possession of immunity passport.

For the duration of this contract/agreement, the PARTY agrees as follows:

(1) Compliance with Regulations: The PARTY (hereinafter includes consultant) will comply with all Acts and Regulations of the United States and the State of Montana relative to Non-Discrimination in Federally and State-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the State of Montana, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

(2) Non-discrimination:

- a. The PARTY, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, on the grounds of any of the protected classes in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, employment, and all other activities being performed under this contract/agreement.
- b. PARTY will provide notice to its employees and the members of the public that it serves that will include the following:
 - i. Statement that PARTY does not discriminate on the grounds of any protected classes.
 - ii. Statement that PARTY will provide employees and members of the public that it serves with reasonable accommodations for any known disability, upon request, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act as Amended (ADA).
 - iii. Contact information for PARTY's representative tasked with handling non-discrimination complaints and providing reasonable accommodations under the ADA.
 - iv. Information on how to request information in alternative accessible formats.
- c. In accordance with Mont. Code Ann. § 49-3-207, PARTY will include a provision, in all of its hiring/subcontracting notices, that all hiring/subcontracting will be on the basis of merit and qualifications and that PARTY does not discriminate on the grounds of any protected class.

(3) Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs):

- a. If the PARTY receives federal financial assistance as part of this contract/agreement, the PARTY must comply with applicable federal and state laws regarding the DBEs, including but not limited to 49 CFR Part 26.
- b. By signing this agreement the PARTY assures that:
The contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.
- c. PARTY must include the above assurance in each contract/agreement the PARTY enters.

(4) Solicitation for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation, made by the PARTY for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the PARTY of the PARTY's obligation under this contract/agreement and all Acts and Regulations of the United States and the State of Montana related to Non-Discrimination.

(5) Information and Reports: The PARTY will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by MDT or relevant US DOT Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the PARTY will so certify to MDT or relevant US DOT Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

(6) Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of a PARTY's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract/agreement, MDT will impose such sanctions as it or the relevant US DOT Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. Withholding payments to the PARTY under the contract/agreement until the PARTY complies; and/or
- b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending the contract/agreement, in whole or in part.

(7) Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

During the performance of this contract/agreement, the PARTY, for itself, its assignees, and successor in interest, agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Federal

- 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 *et seq.*), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Sections 162 and 301(g) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (Public Law No. 93-87, 87 Stat. 250, codified at 23 U.S.C. § 324), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Section 520 of the Airport and Airways Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. § 47123), (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (Public Law No. 100-259), (broadened the 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, sub-recipients, 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 through 12189), which 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 entities as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*).

State

- Mont. Code Ann. § 49-3-205 Governmental services;
- Mont. Code Ann. § 49-3-206 Distribution of governmental funds;
- Mont. Code Ann. § 49-3-207 Nondiscrimination provision in all public contracts.

(8) **Incorporation of Provisions:** The PARTY will include the provisions of paragraphs one through seven in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and/or directives cited therein. The PARTY will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as MDT or the relevant US DOT Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the PARTY becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the PARTY may request MDT to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of MDT. In addition, the PARTY may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Attachment B – Objectives

Dates of Proposed Enforcement
Period:*

01/01/2026

From

09/30/2026

To

Project Narrative:*

*Project Narrative: Describe need for increased enforcement –Must be supported by data
Your narrative serves as the scope of work for this contractual agreement.*

According to Montana Department of Transportation statistics, there were 197 fatal crashes in Yellowstone County from 2014-2023. Of these fatal crashes, 45% involved alcohol, 35% were the result of speeding, and 40% had unrestrained vehicle occupants. For the past 2 years, Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) has used funds allocated by MDT High Visibility Mini Grants to augment normally scheduled law enforcement patrols with dedicated traffic enforcement patrols to address DUIs and other traffic safety issues in our community. Efforts have centered around National Mobilization periods as well as high profile community events such as the Montana Fair, which tend to cause a substantial increase in traffic and DUI cases in our area of responsibility. YCSO's grant-funded traffic patrols have proven effective in addressing some of the roadway safety issues experienced in Yellowstone County. In 2025, for example, the patrols yielded a total of 155 traffic stops with 91 citations issued, including 12 for DUI and 9 for speeding. MDT Mini Grant funding in FY26 will enable YCSO to remain consistent and proactive in implementing dedicated traffic safety patrols, thus continuing to enhance visibility and traffic enforcement activities in our community.

Attachment C – Budget

Personnel Services

Description	Type of Personnel Service	Proposed MDT-SHTSS Funding
Patrol Deputies	Overtime	\$8,500.00
		\$8,500.00

Personnel Services Narrative

Budget Narrative
The requested funds (\$8,500.00) would cover approximately 116 overtime hours for law enforcement officers at an average overtime rate of \$52.19 per hour plus \$21.07 per hour in benefits. These overtime hours will be divided over multiple shifts specifically designated for the Traffic Enforcement Augmentation Project.

Contracted Services (Media)

Description	Type of Contract Service	Proposed MDT-SHTSS Funding
		\$0.00

Contracted Services Narrative

Contract Services Narrative

Total Project Budget

Combined Totals For All Columns

Total Project Budget \$8,500.00

Attachment D – Reporting Schedule

Progress reports shall be submitted with all requests for reimbursement. Reports and reimbursement requests are due 30 days following the end of the reporting period outlined below. The Third Period report shall serve as the final report and close-out for contracts. Unless otherwise directed by MDT, all progress reports and reimbursement requests shall be submitted through Webgrants and follow the schedule outlined below for reporting periods.

Report required	Due
Period 1 Report. October 01 – January 31. Includes Winter Holiday Mobilization – one invoice, status report	February 28, 2026
Period 2 Report. February 01 – May 31. Includes Memorial Day Mobilization – one invoice, status report	June 30, 2026
Period 3 Report. June 01 – September 30. Includes Labor Day Mobilization – one invoice, status report	October 31, 2026