North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program

SECTION A – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Project Title: * Boone Police Traffic Safety Overtime Project	Fiscal Year: 2027
2. Agency: 2000010664 - TOWN OF BOONE	3. Contact Person for Agency: Laney Wise
4. Agency Address: Boone, Town of PO BOX 192 BOONE, NC 28607-0192	5. Telephone Number: * (828) 268-6206 6. Cell Phone:
7. Physical Location of Agency * 567 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607	8. Email of Contact Person * laney.wise@boonenc.gov
9. Federal Tax ID Number / Type of Agency Federal Tax ID Number: * 56-6001185 Unique Entity Identifier: RLMKFG8JCQ54 County: * WATAUGA Type of Agency ○ State ○ Non-Profit ○ County ○ Higher Education ◉ Municipality ○ Hospital	10. Project Year * ◉ New ○ Continuation Year: ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4+ Application Number: 1000028365 11. Allocation of Funding * Federal % 100.00 Local % 0.00

12. Budget	Total Project Amount	Source of Funds: Federal Amount	Source of Funds: State/Local Amount
Personnel Costs	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	
Contractual Services			
Other Direct Costs			
Indirect Costs			
Total Project Costs	**$10,000.00**	**$10,000.00**	

13. Specify How Non-Federal Share Will Be Provided: *
This is a 100% federally funded grant with no matching funds.

Project Number:	CFDA#: 20.
Additional Project Number:	Work Type:
Additional Project Number1:	Additional Work Type:
Additional Project Number2:	Additional Work Type1:
	Additional Work Type2:

SECTION B – DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Statement of Problem (*Provide detailed information of the highway safety problems in your area to be addressed through this project. Include countywide crash data for the last three years and any other relevant information to validate the statements. For more detailed information see "How to write an effective traffic safety project" located at:*

https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Law-Enforcement/Pages/Law-Enforcement-Reporting.aspx)

The Town of Boone, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, serves as the economic hub of the High Country. With a confirmed population of 19,532 full-time residents, daily traffic volumes increase substantially year-round. Boone is home to Appalachian State University, a UNC public university, which increases the population to over 30,000 during the academic year. Four major highways converge in the center of Boone, US Highway 421, US Highway 321, NC Highway 194, and NC

Highway 105, serving as critical gateways into the town. As the economic and cultural center of the High Country, Boone sees significant traffic increases year-round, with peak periods including:

January–February: Ski season in the High Country
First/Second Weekend in May: Appalachian State University Spring Graduation
Third Weekend in June: Boonerang Music & Arts Festival
Late July–Late August: Summer tourism
Late September–Mid-October: Peak leaf season
Late September–Late November Weekends: Appalachian State University football games
Second/Third Weekend in December: Appalachian State University Winter Graduation

Increased traffic during these periods elevates the risk of alcohol-impaired driving incidents. Watauga County, where Boone is located, ranks 50th out of 100 counties in North Carolina for total crashes, averaging 1,375 annually (2020–2024). The county averages 63 alcohol-related crashes per year, ranking 56th statewide, indicating a persistent need for DWI enforcement. Additionally, Watauga County averages approximately 294 teen-related crashes (34th) and 268 older-driver crashes (49th), further emphasizing the diversity of at-risk populations on local roadways.

Given that Boone is the largest municipality in Watauga County by a substantial margin, with the next-largest municipality, Blowing Rock, having approximately 1,422 residents, county-level crash data is a strong indicator of trends within the town. These statistics highlight the critical need for targeted, high-visibility DWI enforcement along Boone's major traffic corridors to reduce alcohol-impaired driving and enhance overall traffic safety.

Proposed Solution *(Begin with a one-sentence summary of your project. Then describe in detail how your proposed project will address the problem identified in the "Statement of Problem" section):*

The Town of Boone Police Department will utilize funds for officers to conduct saturation or directed patrols for high-visibility traffic enforcement efforts emphasizing speed-related violations as well as seat belt and child restraint violations. The Town of Boone Police Department further acknowledges that funds WILL NOT be used to conduct checkpoints. The Town of Boone Police Department will schedule a minimum of forty (40) hours of overtime throughout the month with officers working 4 to 6-hour shifts.

To be reimbursed for funds spent on overtime salary, the Town of Boone Police Department will submit both a monthly traffic enforcement overtime schedule as well as the regular monthly work schedule for personnel assigned to overtime traffic enforcement activities. In addition, the Town of Boone Police Department agrees to submit copies of payroll reports and/or pay memos demonstrating that personnel were compensated at a rate of one and a half times (1.5x) their normal rate of pay regardless of whether an officer uses leave during any given pay period.

Similarly, the Town of Boone Police Department agrees to provide CAD/Activity Reports and copies of all North Carolina Uniform Citations and written warnings issued during scheduled overtime as supporting documentation for each assigned employee and shift. At the end of each month, the Town of Boone Police Department agrees to submit a Monthly Enforcement Data (MED) report outlining the agency's efforts as a whole.

Budget Justification *(Provide a detailed explanation of the costs associated with proposed project):*

The Town of Boone Police Department will utilize these funds to pay off-duty law enforcement officers to conduct high-visibility saturation or directed patrols for the purpose of enforcing speed, seat belt, and child restraint violations. Compensation to assigned employees will be provided at a rate of one and a half times (1.5x) the normal rate of pay and reimbursements WILL NOT be claimed at any other pay rate. No fringe benefits will be claimed.

Travel Justification *(Provide justification for all travel expenses):*

No travel is requested for this grant application.

To be completed by all law enforcement agencies:	
Provide the agency's number of sworn officers	44
Does the agency currently have a dedicated traffic or DWI unit?	Yes ○ No ◉
If a dedicated traffic or DWI unit exists, how many officers are assigned to the unit?	

For applicants requesting enforcement grants, please provide the following county fatality rankings:
Information can be located at:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Law-Enforcement/Pages/Law-Enforcement-Reporting.aspx)

Overall Fatality Ranking:	75

Alcohol Fatality Ranking:	72
Unrestrained Fatality Ranking:	72
Speed Related Fatalities:	86
Other Applicable Rankings: *(Specify)*	Teen-related: 81

As part of this project all law enforcement agencies must enter traffic enforcement citations data of their agency for the past three years.

Year 2023	Occupant Protection Citations	4	DWI Citations	64	Speed Citations	457
Year 2024	Occupant Protection Citations		DWI Citations	50	Speed Citations	354
Year 2025	Occupant Protection Citations	5	DWI Citations	92	Speed Citations	429

Goals and Objectives *(Provide at least one SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely) goals and objectives. For more detailed information see "How to write an effective traffic safety project" located at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Law-Enforcement/Pages/Law-Enforcement-Reporting.aspx)*

Goal #1:	Reduce alcohol related crashes in Watauga County by 25 percent from the 2020-2024 average of 56 to 42 from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.
Objectives:	Increase the number of DWI contacts in Boone by 25 percent from 92 in 2025 to 115 from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.
Goal #2:	Reduce unrestrained crashes in Watauga County by 25% from the 2020-2024 average of 30.4 from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.
Objectives:	Increase the number of unrestrained contacts in Boone by 700 percent from 5 in 2025 to 35 from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.
Goal #3:	Reduce the number of speed-related crashes in Watauga County by 25% from the 2020-2024 average of 84.8 to 62 from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.
Objectives:	Increase the number of speeding contacts in Boone by 20% from 429 in 2025 to 514 in October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Below are the 5-year goals of the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP). To be eligible for funding, your traffic safety project should match one or more of the GHSP goals. Check all that apply.

- ☒ Reduce NC's traffic fatalities by 6% from the 2024 total of 1,748 to 1,643 by December 31, 2029.
- ☒ Reduce NC's alcohol-related fatalities by 6% from the 2020-2024 five-year average of 428.2 to 402 by December 31, 2029.
- ☒ Reduce NC's unrestrained fatalities by 6% from the 2020-2024 five-year average of 510.8 to 480 by December 31, 2029.
- ☒ Reduce NC's speed-related fatalities by 6% from the 2020-2024 five-year average of 409 to 384 by December 31, 2029.
- ☒ Reduce NC's young driver-related fatalities by 6% from the 2024 total of 191 to 179 by December 31, 2029.
- ☐ Reduce NC's motorcycle fatalities by 6% from the 2020-2024 five-year average of 199.2 to 187 by December 31, 2029.
- ☐ Increase NC's seat belt usage rate from the 2025 usage rate of 92.17% to 93.17% by December 31, 2029.

SECTION C – BUDGET DETAIL

Personnel Costs

#	Personnel Position	Salary
1	Traffic Safety Overtime Officers	$10,000.00
	Total Salaries Cost:	$10,000.00

#	Personnel Fringe Benefits	Cost
	Total Fringe Benefits Cost:	
	Total Personnel Costs:	$10,000.00

SECTION D – SCHEDULE OF TASKS BY QUARTERS

List the schedule of tasks by quarters, referring specifically to the objectives in Section B. Tasks should be a bulleted list of activities to be performed in each quarter.

Conditions for Enforcement Projects Only

☐ *By checking this box, the above agency agrees to the terms below as additional activities to be performed as part of this project.*

- A minimum of one (1) nighttime and one (1) daytime seat belt initiative per month;
- A minimum of one (1) impaired driving checkpoint per month;
- A minimum of 50% of seat belt initiatives must be conducted at night between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- Participation in all "Click It or Ticket" and “Booze It & Lose It” campaigns;
- Participation in any event or campaign as required by the GHSP;
- Attempt to utilize one of the Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch's Mobile Breath Alcohol Testing (BATMobiles) units during at least one of the impaired driving checkpoints.

First Quarter (October, November, December)

The first quarter tasks should be:
1) Conduct safety-focused enforcement initiatives scheduled for the quarter, with a focus on occupant protection and speeding.
2) Participate/report in GHSP-sponsored events/campaigns as required or invited, including all “Click It or Ticket” and “Booze It & Lose It” campaigns.
3) Submit Monthly Enforcement Data (MED) reports by the 15th of each month.
4) Submit monthly claims.
5) Submit quarterly report by January 15.

Second Quarter (January, February, March)

The second quarter tasks should be:
1) Conduct safety-focused enforcement initiatives scheduled for the quarter, with a focus on occupant protection and speeding.
2) Participate/report in GHSP-sponsored events/campaigns as required or invited, including all “Click It or Ticket” and “Booze It & Lose It” campaigns.
3) Submit Monthly Enforcement Data (MED) reports by the 15th of each month.
4) Submit monthly claims.
5) Submit quarterly report by April 15.

Third Quarter (April, May, June)

The third quarter tasks should be:
1) Conduct safety-focused enforcement initiatives scheduled for the quarter, with a focus on occupant protection and speeding.
2) Participate/report in GHSP-sponsored events/campaigns as required or invited, including all “Click It or Ticket” and “Booze It & Lose It” campaigns.
3) Submit Monthly Enforcement Data (MED) reports by the 15th of each month.
4) Submit monthly claims.
5) Submit quarterly report by July 15.

Fourth Quarter (July, August, September)

The third quarter tasks should be:
1) Conduct safety-focused enforcement initiatives scheduled for the quarter, with a focus on occupant protection and speeding.
2) Participate/report in GHSP-sponsored events/campaigns as required or invited, including all “Click It or Ticket” and “Booze It & Lose It” campaigns.
3) Submit Monthly Enforcement Data (MED) reports by the 15th of each month.
4) Submit monthly claims.
5) Submit quarterly report by October 15.

AGENCY AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE

☐ I have read and accept terms and conditions of the grant funding and attached the Grant Agreement. The information supplied in this application is true to the best of my knowledge

Name: _____ PIN: _____ Date: _____

Note:
1. Submitting grant application is not a guarantee of grant being approved.
2. Once form has been submitted, it cannot be changed unless it has a status of "Return".

FOR GHSP USE ONLY:

Recommendation:

Date: