

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NEBRASKA OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY
GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
SARPY COUNTY TRAFFIC UNIT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a Nebraska Office of Highway Safety grant for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit is available to Sarpy County; and,

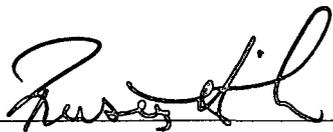
WHEREAS, the grant application must be submitted to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety; and

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant application for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that submission of the Sarpy County Traffic Unit grant is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that the Board Chairperson is hereby authorized to sign the attached application for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit grant.

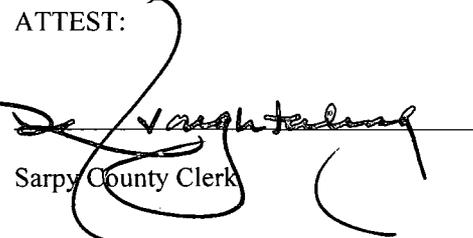
The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 19th day of June, 2012.



Sarpy County Board Chairman



ATTEST:



Sarpy County Clerk

2012-2013 TRAFFIC UNIT GRANT

BUDGET

BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Grantor Funds	Sarpy County Estimated Responsibility	City of Bellevue Estimated Responsibility	Total Personnel Costs
Personnel Costs	\$192,694	\$98,680	\$94,014	\$385,388
TOTAL	\$192,694	\$98,680	\$94,014	\$385,388

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Personnel Costs – Salary and benefits for one sergeant, one deputy, and two Bellevue officers.

Total personnel costs = \$385,388.

The grant will request 50% of \$385,388 = \$192,694.

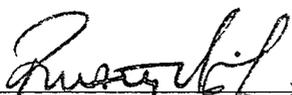
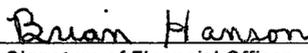
The applicant will fund remaining personnel costs.



Grant Contract Proposal Cover

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Project Title:	Sarpy County Traffic Unit
Grant Contract Period:	October 1, 2012-September 30, 2013

 _____ <i>Signature of Authorized Official</i>	Rusty Hike, Chairman _____ <i>Typed Name and Title</i>	6-19-12 _____ <i>Date</i>
 _____ <i>Signature of Financial Officer</i>	Brian Hanson, Fiscal Administrator _____ <i>Typed Name and Title</i>	6-15-12 _____ <i>Date</i>

SARPY COUNTY TRAFFIC UNIT

SUMMARY

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the reduction of fatal and injurious crashes. Sarpy County fully supports the Traffic Unit and is requesting funds to continue the dual agency Sarpy County Traffic Unit. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of fatal, A, and B type injury crashes in Sarpy County by 15% (46) from 311 (2008 – 2011 four year baseline average) to 265 in 2013. Additionally, the goal of the Bellevue Police Department is to decrease the fatal, A, and B type injury crashes by 15% (15) in Bellevue from 102 (2008 – 2011 four year baseline average) to 87 in 2013.

The Traffic Unit brings together two law enforcement agencies in an effort to increase selective enforcement in areas where traffic is highest or where problems have been identified by crash data, citizens, or law enforcement without decreasing uniformed patrol levels. In addition to regular traffic enforcement activities, the Unit is available for increased enforcement during public events, school events, and other identified occasions where the potential for fatal and injurious crashes is high. The total cost of the project is \$385,388, with \$192,694 funded by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS) and \$192,694 funded by the agencies.

Continuation of the Traffic Unit will benefit the community by further reducing the number of fatal and injurious crashes and enhancing public safety. By dedicating a patrol team strictly for selective traffic enforcement, other patrol personnel are better able to concentrate on alternate areas of enforcement. Finally, with the continuation of the Traffic Unit, each agency's selective traffic enforcement overtime costs will be decreased.

The Sarpy County Traffic Unit has been operational for three years. During the first year of grant funding (2009-2010), the Traffic Unit hired four (4) new law enforcement professionals and purchased four (4) new law enforcement vehicles for traffic enforcement and uniform patrols in those areas where there was a noted higher probability of fatal and injurious crashes.

In the first two years of grant funding, (2009-2011), the Traffic Unit issued 4,133 moving and non-moving citations, conducted fifty-two (52) public safety presentations, patrolled 1,860.40 hours in high volume areas during rush hour, 839.50 hours in school zones and 3,869.75 hours in identified problem areas. Additionally, the Traffic Unit has held nineteen (19) traffic safety presentations at local high schools on the topics of drinking and driving, seat belt use, and texting while driving, and assisted with traffic control during special events held in Sarpy County for a total of 1,547.85 hours.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, headed by Sheriff Jeff Davis, is located in Papillion, Nebraska. The Sheriff's Department employs 129 full time deputies, 67 full-time civilians, and 32 part-time civilians to serve a population of 158,840. The organization of the department is comprised of the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, who is next in the chain of command, followed by Division Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Corporals, and Deputies. Civilian staff is assigned to the various areas of the department's divisions and units. The civilian staff includes booking clerks, vehicle inspectors, court security entry officers, jail nurses, juvenile center staff, support staff, tow lot operators, evidence and property technicians and technical support. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Department staff is assigned in an organizational structure which includes the Road Patrol, Jail, Investigative, Support Services, and Administrative Divisions.

The Bellevue Police Department employs 98 sworn officers, 17 full-time civilians, and 9 part-time civilians to serve a population of approximately 55,000 citizens. They are a full service police organization made up of four bureaus and seven patrol districts. Part of their mission is to work with the community to prevent problems or to solve them before they negatively impact a person's quality of life. With this in mind, the Bellevue Police Department is constantly striving to provide the most efficient police services possible.

The Traffic Unit is a dual-jurisdictional team consisting of law enforcement professionals from two agencies which consists of a Sarpy County Sergeant, a Sarpy County Deputy, and two Bellevue Police Officers.

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

In the time period of 2006-2008, prior to the implementation of the Traffic Unit, the County had 1,050 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes. An additional 1,428 C type injury crashes occurred during the same time period. Despite law enforcement traffic safety efforts, between 2006 and 2007 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes increased by 18% and between 2006 and 2008 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes increased by 12% in Sarpy County. County law enforcement agencies have determined there was a lack of personnel and time to dedicate to the type of intensive traffic enforcement that would result in lower rates of crashes. Additionally, selective traffic enforcement was restricted to uniform patrol efforts which limited extensive concentrated service in areas and situations where the probability of fatal and injurious crashes were likely.

With the addition of four new personnel dedicated strictly to traffic enforcement in 2009, uniform patrols have increased in those areas where the probability of fatal and injurious crashes was likely. As a result of this increase in traffic enforcement, the Traffic Unit is having a direct impact on lowering the rate of crashes throughout the County. Based on data from the Standard Summary - Nebraska Department of Roads, from calendar year 2008 to 2011 the total number of fatal, A, and B crashes in Sarpy County decreased 14.4% from 354 to 303. The total number of A and B type injury crashes decreased 14.2% from 346 in 2008 to 297 in 2011. Additionally, type A and type B injury crashes in Bellevue have decreased 8% from 112 in 2008 to 103 in 2011.

Sarpy County

	Fatal Crashes	A Injury Crashes	B Injury Crashes	Total Fatal, A & B	Total A&B Crashes
2008	8	91	255	354	346
2009	4	98	206	308	304
2010	8	56	216	280	272
2011	6	76	221	303	297
Total	26	321	898	1245	1219
4 yr avg	2008-2011			311	304
15% reduction from 4 yr baseline Average				46	
2013 FY Goal				265	

Crash data includes Papillion and LaVista which are not included in the Grant

City of Bellevue

	Fatal Crashes	A Injury Crashes	B Injury Crashes	Total Fatal, A & B	Total A&B Crashes
2008	0	28	84	112	112
2009	1	23	76	100	99
2010	0	25	69	94	94
2011	1	24	79	104	103
Total	2	100	308	410	408
4-yr avg 2008-2011				102	102
15% reduction from 4 yr baseline Average				15	
2013 FY Goal				87	

The target population for this project is all drivers operating motor vehicles in Sarpy County. The Traffic Unit serves a population of approximately 158,840 people and 251 square miles which includes the cities of Papillion, Bellevue, La Vista, Gretna, and the rural areas of Sarpy County. There were 115,901 licensed drivers in Sarpy County in 2011 with another 6,247 with permits for a total of 122,148 drivers in Sarpy County.

GOAL

The goal of this project is to reduce the number of fatal, A and B type injury crashes in Sarpy County by 15% (46) from 311 (2008 – 2018 four year baseline average) to 265 in 2013. The goal of the Bellevue Police Department is to reduce the number of Fatal, A and B type injury crashes in Bellevue by 15% (15) from 102 (2008 – 2011 four year baseline average) to 87 in 2013.

OBJECTIVES

1. To increase traffic enforcement in DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety) identified high problem crash locations from 6 hours to 10 hours per month.
2. To continue selective traffic enforcement in school zones when school is in session, a maximum of 16 hours per week School zone enforcement will only be conducted if identified as a high problem crash location.
3. To participate in selective traffic enforcement at special events and/or statewide traffic enforcement operations.
4. Increase public awareness regarding contributing factors to fatal, A and B type injury crashes by conducting traffic safety presentations at schools and other public events such as the Sarpy County Fair.

STRATEGIES

1. Gather fatal, A and B type injury crash data for Sarpy County, identify high crash locations, prioritize the high crash locations and create a priority listing for selective enforcement activities. High crash locations identified for DDACTS are Hwy 31 & I-80, Hwy 50 & I-80, and Hwy 75 & Hwy 370. Completion Date: October 2012.
2. Assign the grant funded personnel (4 FTEs) to conduct selective enforcement at the identified high crash locations utilizing saturation patrols, checkpoints, speed enforcement, seat belt enforcement, etc. Completion Date: September 2013.
3. Assign the grant funded personnel (4 FTEs) to conduct selective enforcement during, but not limited to, the Click It or Ticket Mobilizations (May and November), You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Crackdowns (August-September, December-

January), Werner Park traffic control (Spring/Summer), Sarpy County Fair (August), Papio Days (June), Offutt Air Show (August), LaVista Days (May), Memorial Day Ceremony, Safe Saturdays. Completion: September 2012

4. Organize and conduct traffic safety presentations on the factors that contribute to fatal and serious injury crashes for schools, fairs, clubs, etc. A minimum of fifteen (15) public presentations will be conducted and a minimum 15 school presentations. Completion date: September 2013.
5. Complete monthly selective enforcement activity summary, including a breakout of citations issued, and forward with each monthly report to NOHS. Completion date: Monthly through September 2013.
6. Analyze project period statistics to determine project success, form future planning and create annual report for NOHS. Completion date: November 15, 2013.

EVALUATION

Crash data from the project period will be compared with crash data from the previous year to determine if the decreases in fatal, A and B type injury crashes were achieved in Sarpy County. The crash data from the identified high crash locations will also be analyzed to determine if reductions occurred.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Fiscal Year 2013 (October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013)

	Total Personal Services Costs	Federal Funds 50%	Grant Contractor Funds 50%
Personal Services	\$385,388	\$192,694	\$192,694
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Direct Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$385,388	\$192,694	\$192,694

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Total Personal Services - \$385,388 for one sergeant, one deputy and two police officers. **50% funding from NOHS for the project = \$192,694.**

Each agency will fund remaining personal services costs as indicated below:

- Sarpy County Sheriff's Office – \$ 98,680
- Bellevue Police Department – \$ 94,014
- Total Agency funds **\$192,694**

Total Request from Grantor: Sarpy County requests \$192,694 to assist in maintaining the four (4) law enforcement officers hired strictly to implement the Sarpy County Traffic Unit.

COST ASSUMPTION

Funding secured through this proposal will assist each law enforcement agency in maintaining the current level of personnel assigned to the Unit. Future personnel costs will be assumed by each agency.

Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Grant Application for the Traffic Unit

On June 19, 2012, the County Board will be asked to authorize the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety grant application for the continuation of the Sarpy County Traffic Unit.

In May, members of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and the Sarpy County Grant Coordinator met with a representative from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS) to discuss the continuation of the Traffic Unit. At that meeting, the representative from NOHS agreed to a request from Sarpy County for continuation of year three funding in this year's grant proposal.

This year's grant application will request \$192,694 for four (4) sworn officers; two (2) officers for the Bellevue Police Department, and one (1) deputy and one (1) sergeant for the SCSO. Sarpy County and the City of Bellevue will be responsible for funding the remaining personnel costs. A budget is attached to this memo outlining the cost requirements of each agency. A representative from the Sheriff's Office will be in attendance to answer programmatic questions.

The Traffic Unit will focus on selective enforcement in areas where traffic is highest or where issues have been identified.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions.

June 15, 2012

Lisa A. Haire

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