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2	STEP and General	Can you please list the required attachments for submitting a General grant under this RFP, i.e., salary surveys, County financial audits, resume's, etc.?	When an attachment is required, it is listed in the RFP or in the Proposal Help page.	--
3	STEP and General	Did you say that Texas ranked #10 in alcohol related fatalities but we now have dropped?	Past 3 years Texas has been in top 10, currently we're in 7 th place. New Map 21 (Federal Transportation Legislation) criteria indicates no extra high-fatality money being set aside at this time. Our numbers are improving; unfortunately the Texas rate is not going down as rapidly as other states.	--
4	STEP and General	Regarding the question about multiple counties, we work in the greater Houston area and have inspection stations located in the immediate adjacent counties, so state level data really would not work in this multiple county set up.	Use county-specific crash data and compare to statewide data.	--
5	STEP and General	If data is included in the tool box is it acceptable for this RFP?	Yes. And, you may also use other data, when necessary.	eGrants Help, see links below the heading, 'Tool Box': https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/index.html
6	STEP and General	Will there be a summary released to subgrantees on the results of the attorney office audits? Audits in reference to the frauds?	There will be a Fraud Training Webinar, sometime in the near future, on audit's final findings and recommendations. TxDOT will get the word out through eGrants, once more is known, and after the audits have concluded.	--
7	STEP and General	Can you clarify, how indirect cost is calculated? So, employee salaries noted in the 100/200 are duplicated and expressed as a percentage in the indirect	Each agency or organization may have its own calculations for indirect cost. Contact your finance department to find out if you have an approved	--

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		calculation?	Indirect Cost Rate. The rate must be properly time-framed for this grant period of October 1, 2013, to September 30, 2014.	
8	STEP and General	... could you repeat the information on the match requirements?	2014 proposals require a minimum 20% match regardless of how many years the project has been funded. Match that is above/beyond the minimum 20% will receive proposal scoring points.	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf
9	STEP and General	Is match a cash match or can it be in-kind?	Allowable match is either a cash match or a combination of both cash and in-kind.	--
10	STEP and General	Does the cap based on population include match or does it include grant funds only? i.e., is it \$110,000 maximum project total including match or \$110,000 maximum grant funded portion?	The CAP is based only on the TxDOT reimbursable amount. The match of at least 20% of the Total Project Cost is in addition to the TxDOT reimbursable amount.	--
11	STEP and General	If we are traveling overnight and stay at a friend or family member's home rather than charging to the grant, can an organization count lodging per diem savings as match?	No; complimentary lodging and meals are not allowable cost, therefore they cannot be claimed as an expense, nor as match.	--
12	STEP and General	Is there a list of best practices for match?	Please check in the <i>TxDOT Traffic Safety Policy Manual</i> for information regarding match.	eGrants Help: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/index.html
13	STEP and General	When searching for match, the page said 10% minimum match. Is this the latest document showing.	For now, please follow what is stated in the 2014 RFP. Match is a minimum of 20%. Match that is above/beyond the minimum 20% will receive proposal scoring points. The <i>TxDOT Traffic Safety Policy Manual</i>	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf

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			will be updated after the new MAP 21 legislation and rules are finalized and released to the states.	
14	STEP and General	Just want to clarify that performance reports and reimbursement requests will be required to be submitted monthly now and we no longer have the option of submitting them quarterly?	Yes; that is correct for 2014. PRs and RFRs are to be submitted on a monthly basis.	--
15	STEP and General	For clarification: Monthly RFR reports begin FY14, not FY13, correct?	Yes this is correct. The 2014 grant period begins in October 2013. Both PRs and RFRs will be due on a monthly basis.	--
16	STEP and General	How long do we have to submit the monthly reports? Currently quarterly reports are due within 30 days.	You have 30 days from the end of the reporting period to submit. The final RFR is due 45 days after the reporting period. If a month has 31 days, then report is due on the 30 th and not the 31 st .	Refer to "Terms, Conditions, and Responsibilities" located in your proposal.
17	STEP and General	Is there a certain number of objectives that are expected for each grant?	No, there is no minimum or maximum number of objectives, but TxDOT does expect that you clearly explain your project plan. The objectives and activities must show a comprehensive, organized, and well-thought-out plan for implementation. There must be at least one activity for each objective, yet not more than 10 activities.	Score sheet for General Grant: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_General-ScoreSheet.pdf
18	STEP and General	Will subgrantees be required to keep receipts as supporting documentation for per diem?	Yes, you must retain all receipts. Usually, per diem receipts do not have to be uploaded into eGrants, but you do need to keep them. Some TxDOT project managers may require that you upload certain receipts with each RFR.	--
19	STEP	Will TxDOT be posting the state level performance	The Traffic Safety Program Performance Measures are	2014 RFP:

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	and General	measures for the grantee's to see to ensure that our project will support the state measures.	located in the 2014 RFP.	https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf
20	STEP and General	Are organizations still being graded based on the submittal of PRs and RFRs? Where is the grade sheet that contains the breakdown that an organization is being graded on?	Yes, 'Project Grade,' which is based on subgrantee performance <i>may</i> be used as one of several criteria for awarding grants. Three Project Grade sheets are in eGrants Help under the link titled 'Proposal Help.' 'Project Grade' is not the same as 'Proposal Scoring.'	Project Grade: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/Index_Proposal.html
21	STEP and General	Why do you establish such a short timeframe between announcement and due date? Most cities cannot possibly have the grant approved by their governing body within the timeframe.	It is not necessary to submit documentation of city or county approval with the proposal. Document approval will take place during Summer 2014, when grants are awarded.	MAP-21 Section 405 National Priority Safety Program http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/
22	STEP and General	Are signatures required for submission of the Request For Proposal?	No; signatures are not required to submit a Traffic Safety proposal. By completing the "Proposing Agency Authentication" page in eGrants, proposing agencies are identifying and documenting the individual that has authorized the submittal of the proposal on behalf of the agency. Official document approval takes place during grant award process.	--
23	STEP and General	Can you show how to find this scoring sheet again?	The proposal score sheets (for STEP & General grants) are located on the 2014 RFP Help page in eGrants Help. See "Scoring Criteria."	2014 RFP Help: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/rfp.html
24	STEP and General	Where can we find our scores from RFPs for FY13?	Scores for 2013 are not posted, requests are handled on a case-by-case basis.	--

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25	STEP and General	If this is our first time to submit a grant will there be someone I can talk to if I get stuck on an area.	Because RFP is a competitive process, proposers may only ask questions related to this 2014 RFP during this webinar and then in only in writing via email until 5 p.m., December 7. After this time, questions can no longer be submitted nor answered by TxDOT staff. <i>Technical</i> questions regarding how to navigate the eGrants system may be asked anytime by emailing the eGrants Help desk.	RFP questions by 5 p.m. Dec. 7: TRF_RFP@TxDOT.gov eGrants technical questions anytime: TRF_eGrantsHelp@TxDOT.gov
26	STEP and General	Suggestion: First time applicants can contact other local jurisdictions and form a grant manager support group. We have done this in our area, and it has proved to be very beneficial.	RFP is a competitive process, therefore sharing information with other agencies is inappropriate. Proposers should not contact other proposers during the proposal period. If you have questions, submit your written questions to TRF-TS by 5 p.m. 12/7 and we will respond on 12/13.	TRF_RFP@TxDOT.gov
27	STEP and General	May an agency use the administrative portion of the grant to partially fund a new supervisor position to be the grant coordinator?	Yes, however to avoid supplanting, you must be increasing your agency FTEs and creating a brand new position.	--
28	STEP and General	Because the size of attachments is limited, survey data sometimes has to be provided as multiple documents. Can you correct this?	eGrants has a 4 MB attachment upload restriction. Please decrease the size of your file before uploading into eGrants. You may add additional attachments or split your attachment into smaller multiple attachments and add them to the attachment page of your proposal.	eGrants User Guide: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/Reports/eGrantsSubgranteeUserGuide.pdf
29	STEP and General	What is Check Global Errors?	This feature allows the writer to see where in the proposal they have made mistakes. It provides a complete list of errors, that must be corrected before the system will allow you to submit the proposal. Go to	eGrants User Guide: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/Reports/eGrantsSubgranteeUserGuide.pdf

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			the eGrants User Guide, Proposal Submission, page 37, for information.	
30	STEP and General	The Print Version button never works for me. I always get an error. Do others have this problem. Also, when you go to the help button, in a lot of instances, there is no help shown.	A print button is available on all pages, if it does not work for you it may be that you do not have MSWord. Soon eGrants will be moving to all PDF output, so hopefully this will help. Users can print a full grant document using the System Tools feature. If Help is available, there will be a "Show Help" button at the top of the page. If the button is not visible, then it is because help is not necessary. If you have questions you may email the eGrants Help desk.	eGrants User Guide: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/Reports/eGrantsSubgranteeUserGuide.pdf
31	STEP and General	The web site that i have access to does not look anything like the one that is being displayed this morning. It does not have a section on the political districts and does not allow me access to location to insert the Duns # and/or our STEP policy.	You may be using an old website address. We recommend that you delete your current eGrants bookmarks and use the referenced URL instead. The TxDOT website was recently updated and that is why the old bookmarks are no longer valid.	New link to TxDOT Traffic Safety eGrants: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT
32	STEP and General	How do I gain access to submit the required information?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First review the 2014 RFP 2. Then review the eGrants User Guide, and then 3. Go to the eGrants Home Page, login, and enter into the proposal form. 	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf eGrants User Guide: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/Reports/eGrantsSubgranteeUserGuide.pdf eGrants Home Page: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants

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				ts/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT
33	STEP and General	If you are a new organization and applying for the first time, do you just sign up as a new user?	Yes; you will be assigned as your organizations "Subgrantee Administrator." Please refer to the eGrants User Guide.	eGrants User Guide: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/Reports/eGrantsSubgranteeUserGuide.pdf
34	STEP and General	Do you have a sheet that documents characters by field - so when we make it in Word we know we will be within the character allowance?	When using MSWord first to enter your text, MSWord has a 'Word Count' feature that you can use to count words.	In MSWord, look under the "Review" tab.
35	STEP and General	If you click on one of these types and do not fill in the blanks, it will often times show an error. How do you alleviate this error without adding dummy information?	During RFP development, you may 'delete' the page. The 'delete' button is at the top of each page. Once deleted, the error message will disappear. If you do not have any items to list in a particular budget category you can leave the category blank, do not enter zeros or any other data.	--
36	STEP and General	Is there any way to copy over from FY 13 into FY 14 and then edit without having to re-enter?	Suggestion: you may open two instances of eGrants (using two different browsers) and copy/paste from one to another (some, not all, browsers support this capability).	--
37	v	Will the webinar be available to those of us who may have missed portions?	Yes, you may access it on eGrants Help, Request for Proposals Page.	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/rfp.html
38	STEP	I am having trouble playing the training video. Do you	You may not have the correct player, we suggest you	Videos:

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	and General	have any suggestions about how I might access that? Also, I missed the conference call. Is there a transcript or a recording of that call? I am getting a message in your egrants system indicated that Your account has not yet been validated . How long does it take to validate my account?	download a free version of the most current version of "Windows Media Player." Written transcript is not available, only audible video posted to eGrants Help. For eGrants system technical questions, contact the help desk.	https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/rfp.html Technical Help Desk: TRF_eGrantsHelp@TxDOT.gov
39	STEP and General	Your mileage cost sheet does not include cost of insurance. Shouldn't this be included?	We have not included insurance when calculating cost; we will look into this for future fiscal years.	--
40	STEP and General	If you pay a stipend that would cover individual's (volunteer) travel and lodging to your event, would you be able to count the volunteer's time during the event for match?	Yes; match for an adult volunteer's time is usually an acceptable source of match. It appears that the volunteer's time in this instance could be allowed, provided that documentation is retained that clearly supports the source, the amount, and the timing of the match contributions.	--
41	STEP and General	In previous grants we have put volunteers in the Salaries and Wages category. Accounting for them for their hours and the value of those hours. You have said to put them in Other Miscellaneous. Where should volunteers be?	When they are 'employees' of your organization being counted as match, then they go under '100 Salaries' and '200 Fringe.' When they are 'volunteers,' not related to your organization, then they go under '700-Other Misc.' expense.	--
42	STEP and General	Can you suggest an hourly cost to attribute to volunteer intern hours for match?	The approved Volunteer Match Rates per hour to be used on FY 2013-14 traffic safety grants are as follows: \$ 50 for CPS Instructor Technicians \$ 25 for CPS Technicians \$ 21.79 for all other volunteers Other volunteers includes those assisting traffic safety programs for bike, occupant protection, safe communities, alcohol and other drugs, and other	Independent sector site: http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time

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			<p>general traffic safety activities. This rate is based on the most recent (2011) national rate found on the Independent Sector website.</p> <p>The CPS Instructor Technician and Technician match rates have been previously used by the National SAFE KIDS organization and would be applied only if performing those specific functions.</p> <p>These rates can be used for planning purposes for FY 2014 proposals</p>	
43	STEP	DWI element on a STEP grant...they want to purchase blood draw kits as part of their match. Would that be put under Supplies or Other Miscellaneous?	The cost of blood draw kits should be coded: 700 - Other Miscellaneous Expenses	--
44	STEP	Can you purchase DPS blood vials under the Supplies section?	Yes, however you must have documentation and justification for exclusive use during the TS grant project.	--
45	STEP	In reference to speed enforcement and surveys, would TXDOT consider crash data taken from CRIS, which locations can be mapped indicating where speed related crash occur versus doing speed surveys?	First do your own speed surveys to show your speed compliance and establish your baseline. Then, if you have more than 50% compliance, you may consider including TxDOT CRIS crash data to justify site selection.	--
46	STEP	How can I find out our crash ranking?	Provide your data for your baseline purposes. There is no list of crash rankings.	--
47	STEP	How about something in writing to grantees on some of the indictments around the State to make officers aware of criminal charges ...	There will be a Fraud Training Webinar, sometime in the near future, on audit's final findings and recommendations. TxDOT will get the word out through eGrants, once more is known, and after the audits have concluded.	--

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48	STEP	<p>We have been awarded a DWI grant and are completing the forms, can we still apply for the STEP Wave?</p> <p>Did you state that an agency cannot work a STEP Comprehensive Grant and an IDM (WAVE) grant within the same year?</p>	<p>This RFP is for 2014 STEP Yearlong and STEP Wave funding. Impaired Driving Mobilization and Click It or Ticket Mobilization for 2014 will be handled under a separate process.</p>	--
49	STEP	<p>Will the grant program allow for idle hour accruals in the future instead of just actual mileage in calculating the cost of vehicle operations?</p>	<p>No, idle hour accrual is not acceptable at this time.</p>	--
50	STEP	<p>What were the items that qualified as indirect cost?</p>	<p>Each agency or organization may have its own calculations for indirect cost. Contact your finance department to find out if you have an approved Indirect Cost rate. The rate must be properly time-framed for this grant period of October 1, 2013, to September 30, 2014.</p>	--
51	STEP	<p>What about an agency that uses a community officer to conduct their PI&E activities. He is paid by the department but uses his salary and fringe to meet grant match requirement?</p>	<p>This is allowed when an agency can document and support the community officer's work as being grant-related, thus eligible as match. All work claimed must clearly tie back to STEP activities.</p>	--
52	STEP	<p>Need clarification regarding the budget ~ 10% limitations for admin and PI&E hours?</p>	<p>It is based on 10% of the total TxDOT reimbursable budget amount for administrative duties. PI&E is 10% of the Total Salaries. Limitation is built into the eGrants system and it will stop you if you attempt to exceed.</p>	--
53	STEP	<p>Where can I find the list that is being reviewed for policy requirements?</p>	<p>The list of minimum requirements for STEP Operating Policies and Procedures is located in the 2014 RFP, Page 34.</p>	<p>2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf</p>

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54	STEP	We will not have a resolution of support until Jan 8. City Council requires two reading of the grant. Being that the grant due date is 1/4....would that be a problem if they submit it on the due date but not have the resolution of support until the 8th of Jan?	An agency may submit a proposal without a resolution of support and then follow up with the required support/approval resolution from Council if/when the grant is awarded.	--
55	STEP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is total funding for Speed enforcement decreased for 2014? 2. Would Speed as a component of our RFP hurt our score? 3. Is prior year performance and meeting proposed targets actually considered in scoring new RFPs? 4. How many elements (Speed, ITC etc) make a comprehensive RFP.....2 or 3+? 5. Do comprehensive RFPs score higher ? 6. Are baseline numbers all non-step? 7. If we don't produce our own PI&E materials, how are we supposed to acquire adequate volume when TXDOT seems to be out of supplies most of the time? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total amount for speed enforcement for FY2013 was \$399,694. The FY2014 funding amount has decreased slightly to \$371,710. 2. No, speed as a component would not necessarily hurt an agency's score. Please see 2014 RFP, "Proposal Scoring" on page 48. 3. Prior year performance will be considered in the award of grants starting in FY-2014. Please see 2014 RFP, "Proposal Selection" on page 48. 4. A comprehensive grant is a STEP grant that includes two or more enforcement elements. 5. All proposals are scored based on the criteria identified in the 2014 RFP, page 48. 6. Yes, baseline numbers are the numbers the agency produced for a specified 12-month period during regular working hours. Any citations/arrests made under STEP or other federal/state grant funding are not to be included in the agency's baseline numbers. 7. An agency can produce its own PI&E materials if it is determined necessary to meet the PI&E requirements of the grant. 	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf
56	STEP	Can grant funds be used to purchase radars for speed enforcement program?	Equipment must be used 100% for the grant project.	--

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		Can the radars and mobile ticket printer we purchase out of our city funds be used as match for this grant?		
57	STEP	When submitting speed grant, do you have to separate the road by mph when submitting location?	Yes. TxDOT requires this.	--
58	STEP	Are Speed and Occupant Protection STEP activities limited to State highways (Interstates, Farm to Market, Loops, etc) or can they be worked on any roadway if there is a documented problem. Speed obviously would have to have a compliance rate of under 50%.	The agency can propose to work any roadway in its jurisdiction that has a documented problem.	--
59	STEP	We currently use this system for another grant through Texas - the ABTPA. When I log in to this site will I see the STEP grant option? Or do I need to set up another login?	The TxDOT eGrants System is a completely separate system. You may wish to contact ABTPA directly.	ABTPA: http://www.txdmv.gov/protectio--uto_theft.htm
60	STEP	We haven't received a grant since 2009 - can we start as a new user?	If you still have an ID in the system, you may enter using your existing ID & Password. If you no longer know your password, you will need to request a new one. We do not have access to user passwords.	eGrants User Guide: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/Reports/eGrantsSubgranteeUserGuide.pdf Forgot Password Feature: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/Instructions/ForgotPasswordInstructions.pdf
61	STEP	Follow up from a PD - the officer who was STEP administrator is no longer with the department. We don't have access to log in - how do we change user name and password?	If your System Administrator is no longer there, then on the eGrants home page, fill out a New User request, and have your TxDOT project manager (District TSS) verify your user eligibility status--that your previous Subgrantee Administrator is in fact no longer valid and	eGrants Help: TRF_eGrantsHelp@TxDOT.gov --

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			that you are now the new Subgrantee Administrator— and have your project manager submit an email to eGrantsHelp indicating such. Or contact eGrants Help for assistance.	
62	STEP	In completing the proposal , I inadvertently opened the 300-mileage non-enforcement travel page. I continue to receive an error message even with 0 input. The 300 section non-enforcement travel should be \$0.00 with no amounts transferred to the budget summary.	If you inadvertently started a Budget Page (saved the page), and do not need to input data into the page, you may delete the page. Click the DELETE button at the top of the page. If you do not need to enter a particular budget category, then you may skip the page (do not enter data or save the page).	--
63	STEP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does STEP Grant require a 90% average on reporting adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to Texas DPS for calendar years 2008-2010? 2. Is the required Operational Plan solely for year-long STEP Projects, or is the Operational Plan also required for STEP Wave Projects? 3. What is the format to use for listing operating policies and procedures? 4. Please define "overtime rate." 5. Does STEP Program reimburse FICA? Does it reimburse employer's contribution to employees' retirement? 6. Please define "indirect cost." 7. What are the Program's reporting requirements? 8. Can films & slides be counted under presentations & community events? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TxDOT does not require this. Check with DPS for any reporting requirements. 2. The operational plan is only required for STEP yearlong projects. 3. There is no established format. However all STEP policies and procedures must include the information included on page 34 of the RFP. 4. The overtime rate is an officer's pay rate for working overtime. 5. TxDOT can reimburse for fringe benefits, which include FICA, if these costs are included in the proposal. 6. Indirect costs are costs that are not directly accountable to a cost object (such as a particular function or product). An agency must have an approved indirect cost rate to enter costs into the indirect cost page (Category 800). Check with your Finance office to see if your agency has an approved rate. 7. All subgrantees must submit a monthly Performance 	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf

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			Report and a monthly Request for Reimbursement. All reports are submitted through the eGrants system. 8. Any materials can be used, including films and slides, while conducting a presentation or community event.	
64	General	What would bicycle lights be considered? PI&E?	Cost of PI&E is '700 Other Misc.' (considered a promotional item).	--
65	General	Question is regarding Occupant Protection Select a goal: "Maintain CPS seat <u>distribution program</u> for low income families". Does this apply to CPS programs that distribute car seats at inspection events or only through a distribution source such as DSHS? ie: our program distributes car seats to low income families at inspection events; however, we are not considered a "distribution program" With the change in the way we will be purchasing child safety seats, where will we enter this amount, will it be considered equipment (400)?	Subgrantees will need to budget, order, and store their own child passenger safety seats beginning with the 2014 grant period. When planning for child passenger safety seats distribution, for budgeting purposes, calculate \$50 per seat (cost varies). In addition, the cost of shipping and storage of the seats must also be included in the proposal budget. Cost of child passenger safety seats can be coded '500 Supplies' and shipping/storage is coded '700 Other Misc.' DSHS will only be ordering and storing seats for DSHS.	--
66	General	Is it ok to use 2011 FARS data since 2012 data is not available?	We recommend that you use 2010 FARS data at this time because it is final. The 2011 FARS data currently available is "preliminary."	eGrants Help: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/index.html
67	General	If our grant covers multiple counties, will we need to provide FARS and CRIS data individually for each county or in aggregate for the counties to be served?	You will need to provide data for each county to demonstrate a problem -- crash data is available on the eGrants Help Page.	eGrants Help: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/index.html
68	General	What about the US Population data under the tool box? I do not believe that there will not be 2011 US	2011 US Census data is available on eGrants Help.	Texas State Data Center: http://txsdc.utsa.edu/

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		Census data...current is 2010. Any idea when that will be posted?		
69	General	Will there be grant opportunities for distracted driving for 2014?	Yes; if you have an idea for a distracted driving project, submit a proposal. TxDOT currently does not have dedicated funds for distracted driving, but there may be some available in the near future. Also, TxDOT may be able to use 402 funds for distracted driving projects, if the project qualifies.	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf
70	General	What about letters from groups who will partner to implement the program, local cycling instructors, etc?	Letters can be uploaded into eGrants, but these will not be scored. Do not mail hardcopy letters to TxDOT, they will not be accepted, nor will they be scored.	--
71	General	How do we secure the verification of coordination and commitment from TEA if we applying as a public school?	The required verification letter is not issued by TEA. It is typically issued by the school district superintendent, or a designee. Letter can be uploaded into eGrants.	--
72	General	Can a media vendor submit an RFP for a non-paid media project?	No, TxDOT will use a separate competitive bid process to solicit projects (paid and/or non-paid media) from vendors on the TxDOT-approved media vendor (ad agencies) list.	--
73	General	We have been required to split actions in the objectives pages. Your example had two actions in one line. Can this be done or should each activity have its own line?	Each activity should be on its own line. There should not be more than 10 activities per objective.	eGrants Help: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/rfp.html
74	General	Houston has seen similar pedestrian injury increases, which we have noted among children. Will funding be available for education programs aimed at addressing bike/ped education for children?	Yes, funding is available in the 2014 RFP through the pedestrian bicycle program area. Proposals will be considered for funding – both local and statewide.	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf

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75	General	We are interested in drafting a proposal for a DWI Specialty Court and are asking for clarification on the correct strategy guideline the program would fall under. The strategy listing in the RFP (Alcohol and Other Drug Countermeasures – 02 (Core) lists improved adjudication and processing of DWI cases and we believe this is where our program will fall. However, the strategy as written is limited to improved training for judges, prosecutors and probation officers and we want to go beyond the training and focus the efforts of these trained individuals in a problem solving court. Can you clarify if a grant application for a program involving the performance of a DWI Court fits in to this strategy? If yes, we will proceed with a submission. If not this strategy, can you direct us to a better fit?	Proposers are to select the strategy(s) that is/are the most appropriate toward addressing the proposed traffic safety problem/solution. It appears that the performance of a DWI court may best fit into the strategy that you have identified.	2014 RFP: https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/eGrantsHelp/RFP/FY14_RFP.pdf
76	General	Can you clarify that volunteer time and travel used as match such as CPS techs, needs to go under 700 category instead of the 100 200 and 300 category?	When they are ‘employees’ of your organization being counted as match, then they go under ‘100 Salaries’ and ‘200 Fringe.’ When they are ‘volunteers,’ not related with your organization, then they go under ‘700- Other Misc.’ expense.	--
77	General	I have a question that will affect numerous grants about teens. I was advised teens cannot be used as match when they are attending school since federal funding is involved. After research, we found out that depending on the tier the schools fit into anywhere from 35% to 125% will be federal funding. Since our grant involves teens and distracted driving, we feel this is the most important group to have an outreach to and education is key. Will it be reasonable to continue	Yes; subgrantees can continue to provide training to teens. But now teens’ time and effort cannot be reported as match if the grant training/activity occurs during the school day. Teens participating in eligible activities outside the school day can be used as match at the approved volunteer rate for 2014 of \$21.79. The agency who can no longer use teens as match must identify and include in the proposal other sources of eligible match to meet the minimum grant match	--

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