

# North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Traffic Safety Project Contract – Form GHSP-01

## SECTION A – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Agency: BUNCOMBE COUNTY	4. Contact Person for Agency: Elizabeth Russell
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8. Federal Tax ID Number / Type of Agency  Federal Tax ID Number: *56-6000279 DUNS No : * 879203560 County: *BUNCOMBE COUNTY  Type of Agency <input type="radio"/> State <input type="radio"/> Non-Profit <input checked="" type="radio"/> County <input type="radio"/> Higher Education <input type="radio"/> Municipality <input type="radio"/> Hospital	7. Email of Contact Person * Elizabeth.russell@buncombecounty.org
9. Project Year *  <input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Continuation Year: <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4+	10. Allocation of Funding *  Federal % 100.00      Local % 0.00
11. Project Title: * Buncombe County DWI Task Force	

	Source of Funds		
12. Budget	Total Project Amount	Federal Amount	State/Local Amount
Personnel Costs	\$250,080.00	\$250,080.00	\$0.00
Contractual Services			
Commodities Costs			
Other Direct Costs	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$0.00
Indirect Costs			
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$401,080.00</b>	<b>\$401,080.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

13. Specify How Non-Federal Share Will Be Provided: \*  
 Additional funds for vehicles(Standard Upfit), for a portion of the in-state travel/training costs, office supplies and operating expenses will be provided through the approved county budget process to facilitate the DWI Task Force needs. Other funds will be raised through additional partnerships, grants and foundations for this work (e.g., Target Grant: Eye Opening Experiences Target Teens). From October 2019 through September 2020 the program expenses have been/will be covered in the Patrol budget, including \$152,000 for salaries and benefits.

Project Number: _____	CFDA#: 20.
	Work Type: _____

## 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>)

This fiscal year the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office requests funding for a new Buncombe County DWI Task Force (with three new officers: 2 Deputies and 1 Sgt./Supervisor). Sheriff's Office will be providing the 2 previous/existing Deputies who were on the DWI Task Force with the Buncombe County DWI Task Force to create a 5 person team. Asheville Police Department was previously funded as the Task Force administrator and is no longer applying/partnering with the Sheriff's Office in this request.

In Buncombe County, the number of impaired drivers is a concern taken very seriously by local law enforcement; this level of concern is justified by the statewide rankings. Buncombe County ranks 8th for overall fatalities and 11th for alcohol-related

fatalities statewide.

Therefore, the successful adjudication of traffic safety violations is important. The installation of in-car cameras will help traffic officers retain critical evidence that will likely be necessary to secure a conviction in court thereby bolstering the importance of these primary traffic safety offenses. In addition, they will provide the ability to hold officers, as well as the citizenry accountable for the interaction that occurs during traffic enforcement activities. This in turn will generate heightened interest and support for continuing traffic enforcement operations. As a result, community engagement is enhanced and trust is restored and/or solidified. Lastly, it will provide training resources and subsequent opportunities for the officers and public alike when seeking traffic safety intervention strategies.

Further, the use of electronic crash reporting allows for more accurate and timely data being made available for the State of North Carolina and its various entities. It also allows for better data availability necessary for recognizing and identifying traffic problems and additionally develop, implement and evaluate solutions to address the traffic concerns facing our community. Mobile data terminals ensure that officers have the use of E-Citation for citing traffic violations.

Five year average crash reports for Buncombe show those alcohol-related crashes statewide are ranked 6th, speed related crashes-6th, young driver fatal crashes-4th, motorcyclist crashes-5th, pedestrian crashes-8th and older driver fatal crashes-5th. Impairments to responsible driving clearly include—alcohol, drugs, opiates, judgement/experience, eyesight especially in elders, vehicle safety, and familiarity with the area/terrain/congested driving conditions/reduced wildlife habitat--all are factors added to population growth and new development in more affordable and remote areas of the county and with this development, increased traffic volumes. And, the heart of Buncombe—Asheville—is known internationally for its 30+ craft breweries as Beer City U.S.A. While BCSO is fully supportive of countywide tourism and its positive impacts on the local economy, the BCSO priority is the safety and wellbeing of its citizens. This mandates ongoing focus on identifying driving hazards, infractions, and driver impairment on streets/roads and highways in order to effectively (1) support driving responsibly and (2) enforce traffic safety/law.

With a new DWI Task Force, more training will take the deputies to both in-state training and one out-of-state conference. It is anticipated that newly hired personnel will accompany the two officers who in previous years attended traffic safety workshops, drug/alcohol impairment certification programs, and required law enforcement programs with BCSO Support Operations. Additional out of state training planned for 2020-21 includes the National Lifesavers Conference in April 25-27, 2021.

Other Impacts affecting traffic safety: Although NCDOT officials indicate the overall crash rate on I-40 in mountain counties has been below the state average, the area sees its share of fatalities. Also, development within Asheville has been so explosive in the last five years that traffic to/from schools, healthcare facilities and government makes morning/evening commutes extremely congested on any average workday. Similarly Buncombe air traffic has grown over 43% in the last 12 months bringing more visitors (some 3.9M annually according to the Tourist Development Council); in response traffic volume on area roadways to/from the airport and on major roads continues to rise too. These impacts are recognized in extensive changes planned for the I-40 and I-26 Buncombe highway connectors beginning in 2021.

To fully define the scope of work for DWI Task Force enforcement ahead in 2020-21, citations are under review in areas of Occupant Protection, DWI and Speed; BCSO is working to clarify data collected by the seven law enforcement entities working in Buncombe County: Black Mountain, Biltmore Forest, BCSO, City of Asheville Police Department, NC State Highway Patrol, Weaverville and Woodfin. We have received numbers from the county Centralized Data Entry (BCCDE), the administrative office of the courts (AOC) and from the six law enforcement entities in the 650+ square miles of the county. At face value, those numbers appear low in comparison with reports we are able to assemble from the different approaches in each database. We do know that in the county DWI records kept by BC DWI Task Force Officers, for example, show in 2019 that they alone issued 472 citations for a total of 630 reported by the larger combined (APD & BCSO) Task Force. In contacting other law enforcement agencies in the county, we learned of more. However, we have agreed to go with the numbers we can substantiate, in county or court files, for BCSO. The fact that local enforcement is dealing with drivers traveling the roads and highways in, to and from Beer City U.S.A., we believe, reinforces the need for re-establishing an ongoing DWI Task Force here to ensure public safety.

**To be completed by law enforcement agencies seeking first year grant:**

Provide the agency's number of sworn officers	241
Does the agency currently have a dedicated traffic or DWI unit?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
If a dedicated traffic or DWI unit exists, how many officers are assigned to the unit?	2

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:	8
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Alcohol Fatality Ranking:	11
Unrestrained Fatality Ranking:	10
Speed Related Fatalities:	12
Other Applicable Rankings: <i>(Specify)</i>	Young Driver Fatal Crashes-4

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

Year 2019	Occupant Protection Citations	78	DWI Citations	578	Speed Citations	688
Year 2018	Occupant Protection Citations	100	DWI Citations	572	Speed Citations	612
Year 2017	Occupant Protection Citations	76	DWI Citations	370	Speed Citations	541

**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: To reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes by 20 percent from 2014-2018 5 year average of 303 crashes to 242 crashes in Buncombe County during the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Objectives: • Increase the number of DWI arrests made by 25 percent from 578 in calendar year 2019, DWI Task Force will increase the arrests to 723 during the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021  
 • Recruit, Orient, Train and Assign 2 New DWI Task Force Deputies and 1 DWI TF Supervisor  
 • Work closely with Drug Treatment Court to support the work of restorative justice.

Goal #2: To reduce the number of alcohol-related fatalities by 25 percent from the 2014-2018 of 8.2 alcohol-related fatalities to 6 in Buncombe County during the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

Objectives: • Participate and report in GHSP and national highway safety campaigns focused on impaired driving (including but not limited to Booze It & Lose It, St. Patrick's Day, Operation Firecracker, Labor Day, Halloween, and Holiday campaigns, etc.) Full campaign participation is accomplished through increased high visibility enforcement.  
 • Conduct a minimum of 2 Educational Programs a quarter to inform the driving public of the dangers of impaired driving.  
 • Continue to work with the Partnership for a Substance Free Youth to improve awareness in Targeting Teens Impaired Driving Awareness Training Program (a Target Corporation funded project initiated in 2020 in recognition of exceptional work of the BCSO Deputies community work)

Goal #3:

Objectives:

**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-related fatalities by 12% from the 2014-2018 average of 1,392 to 1,228 by December 31, 2021.
- Reduce NC's alcohol-related fatalities by 10% from the 2014-2018 average of 401 to 361 by December 31, 2021.
- Reduce NC's unrestrained fatalities by 10% from the 2014-2018 average of 398 to 358 by December 31, 2021.
- Reduce NC's speed-related fatalities by 5% from the 2014-2018 average of 472 to 448 by December 31, 2021.
- Reduce NC's young driver-involved fatal crashes by 10% from the 2014-2018 average of 170 to 153 by December 31, 2021.
- Reduce NC's motorcycle fatalities by 5% from the 2014-2018 average of 187 to 178 by December 31, 2021.
- Increase NC's seat belt usage rate 2.9 percentage points from the 2015-2019 average of 90.5% to 93.4% by December 31, 2021.

**SECTION C – BUDGET DETAIL**

**Personnel Costs**

#	Personnel Position	Salary
1	Activity Hours for Sgt./DWI Task Force Supervisor (BCSO)	\$59,286.00
2	Activity Hours for Deputy/DWI Task Force Officer (BCSO)	\$45,965.00
3	Activity Hours for Deputy/DWI Task Force Officer (BCSO)	\$45,965.00

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Total Salaries Cost: \$151,216.00

#	Personnel Fringe Benefits	Cost
1	BCSO DWI Task Force Personnel Fringe(3)	\$98,864.00
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Total Fringe Benefits Cost: \$98,864.00

Total Personnel Costs: \$250,080.00

**Contractual Services**

#	Contractual Service To Be Provided	Cost
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**Commodities Costs**

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Total Commodities Cost:

**Other Direct Costs**

#	Equipment	Quantity	Cap Amount	Cost
1	Patrol Vehicle-Includes emergency lighting, siren, radio, console,	3	\$35,000.00	\$105,000.00
2	In-Car Video System-Includes installation and shipping	3	\$6,000.00	\$18,000.00
3	Mobile Data Terminal-Includes hardware, software, modem, data	3	\$6,000.00	\$18,000.00
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Total Equipment Cost \$141,000.00

#	Other Items and Equipment Direct Cost: <i>(Cost Limited to Less Than \$5000 Per Item)</i>	Cost
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Total Other Items and Equipment Direct Cost:

#	Travel	Cost
1	In-State Travel	\$3,500.00
2	Out-of-State Travel	\$6,500.00

Total Travel Cost: \$10,000.00

Total Other Direct Costs: \$151,000.00

**Indirect Costs**

#	Indirect Costs	Cost
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Total Indirect Costs

**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)

- Conduct a minimum of one Checking Station per month.
- Conduct a Saturation Patrol targeting high DWI traffic corridors especially Youth and Fatality Prone).
- Reach out to the smaller Law Enforcement agencies within Buncombe County and assist them with Checking Stations or Saturation Patrols.
- Recruit, Orient, Train and Assign 1 DWI Task Force Supervisor and 2 New DWI Task Force Deputies
- Review Status of DWI Task Force Strategic Planning and Revisit Issues for Updates based on Previous 9 month activities, citations, court cases, and traffic incidents; formulate recommendations for update to Plan
- Conduct Educational Events in High Schools and at public events located in Buncombe County. These events will focus on teen safe driving and DWI education Present Progress Program to Partnership for Substance Free Youth Target Teens–Eye Opening Experiences.
- Coordinate with Buncombe County District Attorney's office for any needed training or legal updates regarding DWIs. Also participated in the Sobriety Court Program.
- Ensure Registration in Annual Lifesavers Conference Apr.25-27 Long Beach, CA. for 5 at \$350 per DWI TF member
- Complete Presentations to Sheriff's Citizens Academy, Substance Free Youth Summit (Youth Led Presentations with DWI Task Force); SERV and Senior Reassurance Program
- Complete monthlies and proper paperwork in a timely manner.

Second Quarter (January, February, March)

- Conduct a minimum of one Checking Station per month.
- Conduct a Saturation Patrol targeting high DWI traffic corridors.
- Reach out to the smaller agencies within Buncombe County and assist them with Checking Stations or Saturation Patrols and revisit MOUs for funding stabilization and sustainability.
- Conduct Educational Events in High Schools and at public events located in Buncombe County. These events will focus on teen safe driving and DWI impaired driving education.
- Coordinate with Buncombe County District Attorney's office for any needed training or legal updates regarding DWIs. Also participated in the Sobriety Court Program.
- Present Approved DWI Task Force Strategic Plan Recommendations to the County Commission with Projection with respect to Program's Future Financial Sustainability
- Work within Communities to Create/Fund Youth Resource Centers In East and Northeast County Areas or other areas where Youth Crashes are highest
- Seek Foundation and private funds for Equipment Requests at 15% Costs
- Complete monthlies and proper paperwork in a timely manner

Third Quarter (April, May, June)

- Conduct a minimum of one Checking Station per month.
- Conduct a Saturation Patrol targeting high DWI traffic corridors.
- Reach out to the smaller agencies within Buncombe County and assist them with Checking Stations or Saturation Patrols.
- Conduct Educational Events in High Schools/Partnership for Substance Free Youth Summits and related summer camps and at public events located in Buncombe County. These events will focus on teen safe driving and DWI education.
- Coordinate with Buncombe County District Attorney's office for any needed training or legal updates regarding DWIs. Also participate in the Sobriety Court Program.
- Complete monthlies and proper paperwork in a timely manner.
- Attend Life Savers Training in April 25-27 in Long Beach, CA(Annual as presently scheduled) as DWI Task Force (5)

Fourth Quarter (July, August, September)

2021 Fourth Quarter (July, August, September)

- Conduct a minimum of one Checking Station per month.
- Conduct a Saturation Patrol targeting high DWI traffic corridors.
- Work with community representatives on the DWI Task Force to develop 2021-22 issues and revise the Strategic Plan
- Reach out to the smaller agencies within Buncombe County and assist them with Checking Stations or Saturation Patrols.
- Conduct Educational Events in High Schools and at public events located in Buncombe County. These events will focus on teen safe driving and DWI education.
- Coordinate with Buncombe County District Attorney's office for any needed training or legal updates regarding DWIs. Also

participated in the Sobriety Court Program/ Detention Diversion Programs.

- Complete monthlies and proper paperwork in a timely manner.
- Attend the Traffic Safety Conference during this quarter.

**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".