Highway Safety and Traffic Division
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT APPLICATION
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Jurisdiction:	Rural	**Jurisdiction Population:**			54,000		
Targeted Population:	Impaired Drivers						

Project activity for which your agency is requesting funding:

Impaired Driving

Project Title:	Dedicated Impaired Driving Unit	**Requested Amount:**	$162,000.00
Brief Description:	Dedicated DWI Enforcement Unit		

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PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

Per the FY24-26 Triennial Highway Safety Plan, substance-impaired drivers contributed to 22% of Missouri's traffic crash fatalities during the past five years. Alcohol remains the primary contributor to substance-impaired driving crashes; however, the number of persons under the influence of prescription medications and/or illicit drugs has increased significantly over the past decade. With recreational marijuana now legal in Missouri, there are concerns this trend will continue.

Male drivers were more likely than females to be involved in substance-impaired driving crashes. During the past five years, males were responsible for 81.7% of substance-impaired driving fatalities. Ten percent of the children less than 15 years of age, who were killed in motor vehicle crashes over the last five years, were riding with a substance-impaired driver.

Depending on the jurisdiction, impaired driving offenses in Missouri are prosecuted differently. Prosecutors and judges may not always be aware of the severity of the impaired driving problem or how to best provide treatment for an offender.

The Joplin Police Department investigated 4,579 traffic crashes in the city limits from 2022-2024. The City of Joplin includes city streets, several State Highways, 13 miles of IS 44, and a section of IS 49 / MO 249. Of the 4,579 crashes, 812 resulted in a physical injury, and another 26 resulted in a fatality.

Of the 812 crashes that resulted in a injury or a fatality, 49, or 6%, had drug / alcohol / impairment as a contributing factor. Alcohol was a contributing factor in 118 total traffic crashes in the City of Joplin between 2022-2024. Additionally, the City of Joplin also serves as a nighttime entertainment hub for the region, with a large concentration of bars, restaurants, and a large casino at the edge of the city limits, in Oklahoma.

The City of Joplin is incorporated in 2 different counties, Jasper and Newton. According to the MSHP, from 2022-2024, there were 315 alcohol involved crashes in Jasper County, ranking 9th in the state. There were 209 alcohol related crashes in Newton County, ranking 16th in the state. For the same period, the City of Joplin recorded 118 alcohol related crashes, ranking 12th in the state. In 2023, the City of Joplin recorded 64 drug and alcohol related crashes

In 2025 the Joplin Police Department contacted 16,429 drivers for moving violations. Of those, 3,347 drivers received at least one citation for a traffic offense. This speaks to the determination and focus to lowering all crashes within the city.

On June 7th 2025, officers with the Joplin Police Department conducted a youth alcohol compliance check at various locations throughout the city of Joplin, to include convenience stores and liquor stores. The goal of these checks was to access the level of accessibility of alcohol for minors in our community and prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, thus creating a safer and healthier environment for our youth and preventing them from operating a vehicle and causing a crash. Of the 36 locations checked, 8 locations were found to be non-complaint and sold alcohol to the minors.

These sales could have ended with one or all of these minors operating a vehicle on our roadways.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

As outlined in the FY24-26 Triennial Highway Safety Plan, Core Performance Measure Goal:

Based on a goal of 0 fatalities by 2030, Missouri is setting a five-year average alcohol-involved fatality target of 232.6 by December 31, 2026.

- Arrest Impaired Drivers

- Educate the public on the danger of impaired driving.

- Work closely with surrounding and state departments to ensure involvement in programs and meetings that aid safer and more sober roadways.

- Work with community stakeholders, including bar owners, and public and private for hire transportation options to encourage sober driving

- Prevent sales to minors that may lead them to operate a vehicle impaired and cause a collision.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Two Full time officers assigned to the traffic unit will primarily cover 7 days per week focusing on stopping, arresting and charging drivers who are impaired by drugs and alcohol.

These officers will work four 10-hour shifts.

The primary rotation will be one working weekends and one working week nights with one overlap day to be either Thursday or Friday depending on a constantly evaluated need. Occasional adjustment may be needed for campaigns or other DWI activities.

Officers will primarily work between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. as needed for enforcement.

Occasional deviation may be warranted for special events.

These officers will stay up to date on changing campaigns and laws regarding impaired driving and will teach other officer 's better ways to detect and process impairment for a court conviction. They will reach out to the community and provide innovative ways to educate the public about the dangers of drunk or drugged driving.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Question	Answer
You must answer the following questions.	
1 Does your agency have and enforce a safety belt policy for all employees/personnel?	Yes
2 Does your agency have and enforce a policy restricting cell phone use while driving?	Yes
3 Does your agency report racial profiling data annually?	Yes
4 Does your agency report to MOCARS?	Yes
5 Does your agency report MIBRS information annually?	Yes
6 Please explain any NO answer(s) to questions 1-5:	
7 Does your agency have adequate manpower to fully perform the activities, expend the funds requested, and to submit vouchers on a monthly and/or quarterly basis in this application?	Yes
8 If NO, please explain.	
9 Have any significant changes occurred with your agency within the last year that would affect performance, including personnel or system changes?	Yes
10 If YES, please explain.	

We have lost a number of patrol officers in the last year. Our traffic unit is intact and focused on lowering crash numbers, We still have sufficient staff to expend these funds and conduct enforcement. One of the two full time DWI positions is currently filled with expectation to fill the second slot in the summer of this year, prior to these funds coming to use.

11 Are you aware of any fraud, waste or abuse on grant projects in your office/agency within the last 5 years?	No
12 If YES, please explain.	
13 Have any of your officers/personnel been debarred and are therefore not eligible to receive federal funds for reimbursement of salary, fringe benefits, or overtime?	No
14 If your agency received Highway Safety grant funding in the last three (3) fiscal years and there were unexpended balances, please explain why.	

We spent all funds and requested additional funds. We also spent most of those but did leave a small amount left the past two years. On the DWI Dedicated unit, there were some funds remaining due to a staffing vacancy in the unit.

15 Did your political entity receive more than 80% of its annual gross revenues in Federal Awards in your preceding fiscal year?	No
16 Did your political entity receive $25,000,000 or more in Federal Awards in your preceding fiscal year?	No

17 If you answered NO to either question 15 and 16, DO NOT answer this question. If you answered YES to both question 15 and 16, and the public does not have access to this information, list the names and compensation amounts of the five most highly compensated employees in your business or organization (the legal entity to which the UEI number it provided belongs).

18 What is the location of your project (City, County, or Counties)?

Joplin Missouri. Located within Jasper and Newton Counties.

19 What is your organization type? Enforcement Agency

20 If answered OTHER, please explain.

Please use the most current 12-months of data available for answering questions 18-23. INCLUDE ALL OF YOUR AGENCY'S STATISTICS, NOT JUST THOSE ISSUED DURING GRANT ACTIVITY.

21 Total number of DWI violations written by your agency.	419
22 Total number of speeding citations written by your agency.	715
23 Total number of HMV citations written by your agency.	4796
24 Total number of child safety/booster seat citations written by your agency.	8
25 Total number of safety belt citations written by your agency.	129
26 Total number of warnings issued.	0

Use the most current three years crash data from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) or your internal record management system for questions 24-34.

27 Total number of traffic crashes.	4579
28 Total number of traffic crashes resulting in a fatality.	31
29 Total number of traffic crashes resulting in a serious injury.	839
30 Total number of speed-related traffic crashes.	273
31 Total number of speed-related traffic crashes resulting in a fatality.	9
32 Total number of speed-related traffic crashes resulting in a serious injury.	101
33 Total number of alcohol-related traffic crashes.	64
34 Total number of alcohol-related traffic crashes resulting in a fatality.	4
35 Total number of alcohol-related traffic crashes resulting in a serious injury.	41
36 Total number of unbuckled fatalities.	6

37 Total number of unbuckled serious injuries. 63

Enter your agency's information below.

38 Total number of commissioned law enforcement officers. 115

39 Total number of commissioned patrol and traffic officers. 70

40 Total number of commissioned law enforcement officers available for overtime enforcement. 113

41 Total number of vehicles available for enforcement. 120

42 Total number of radars/lasers. 59

43 Total number of in-car video cameras. 85

44 Total number of PBTs and/or oral fluid testing devices. Please indicate the number of each type of instrument.

Sotoxa - 2
PBT - 34

45 Total number of Breath Instruments. 5

The following information explains the strategies your agency will use to address the traffic crash problem. This information is considered to be the Project Description and should be specific to the crash problem.

46 Identify primary enforcement locations.

Enforcement will take place city wide with priority on high crash locations.

High crash areas include:
- Range Line Road from Zora to 44th
- 7th from Schifferdecker to Northpark Lane
- 20th from Country Club to Davis
- 32nd from Central City to Prigmor
- I-44 between mile markers 0.0 to 13.4
- I-49 between 32nd Street and Zora
- Main Street between Zora and 50th

47 Enter the number of enforcement periods your agency will conduct each month. 2

48 Enter the months in which enforcement will be conducted.

Enforcement will take place 12 months each year.

49 Enter the days of the week in which enforcement will be conducted.

Enforcement will take place 7 days per week.

50 Enter the time of day in which enforcement will be conducted.

Enforcement will primarily take place between the hours of 5 p.m. and 3 a.m. unless special events or crash numbers show an increase in a time outside of these hours. DWI officers may work a couple of hours earlier on a rare occasion to address more daytime impaired drivers as needed while working a group enforcement with our non-grant-funded traffic unit.

51 Enter the number of officers assigned during the enforcement period. 2

52 If equipment or supplies are requested to conduct this project, explain below why it is needed and how it will be used.

Request to replace one of two DWI cars that is aging. The vehicle will be utilized by a full time DWI Officer. The vehicle will be assigned to him / her and will be utilized primarily for impaired driving enforcement, education and travel to and from work and home as outlined by policy.

JPD is requesting to upfit the Chevrolet Tahoe to match the standard of the rest of the fleet. We are requesting these funds only cover the vehicle and basic unfitting equipment, and JPD will cover the cost of upgrades beyond the basic needs to match the rest of our fleet identically.

PROJECT EVALUATION

The MHTC will administratively evaluate this project. Evaluation will be based, at a minimum, upon the following:

1. Law enforcement compliance with state MIBRS, Racial Profiling, and MOCARS reporting requirements (law enforcement contracts only)
2. Timely submission of monthly reimbursement vouchers and appropriate documentation to support reimbursement for expenditures (i.e., personal services, equipment, materials)
3. Timely submission of periodic reports (i.e., monthly, quarterly) as required
4. Timely submission of the Year End Report of activity (due within 30 days after contract completion date)
5. Attaining the Goals set forth in this contract
6. Accomplishing the Objectives established to meet the project Goals, such as:
   - Enforcement activities (planned activities compared with actual activities)
   - Programs (number and success of programs held compared to planned programs, evaluations if available)
   - Training (actual vs. anticipated enrollment, student evaluations of the class, student test scores on course examinations, location of classes, class cancellation information)
   - Equipment purchases (timely purchase of equipment utilized to support and enhance the traffic safety effort; documentation of equipment use and frequency of use)
   - Public awareness activities (media releases, promotion events, or education materials produced or purchased)
   - Other (any other information or material that supports the Objectives)
7. The project will be evaluated by the Highway Safety and Traffic Division through annual crash analysis

Evaluation results will be used to determine:
- The success of this type of activity in general and this particular project specifically;
- Whether similar activities should be supported in the future; and
- Whether grantee will receive funding for future projects

Traffic Unit supervisors (non-grand funded) will supervise monthly stats and maintain good communication with DWI Officers.

Traffic Unit supervisors will evaluate crash data at least quarterly to ensure proper shift and overlap placement biased on a demonstrated need that's data driven.

Supervisors will also facilitate training's and campaigns to ensure DWI Officers are being best utilized by the department and focusing on the peak times that impaired driving violations are likely to occur.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

See attached document labeled "Single Audit Joplin 2024 FINAL.pdf" for the most current data.

BUDGET

Category	Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total	Match	Total Requested
Equipment							
	Vehicle	Replace one of two DWI Full time unit vehicles. Current year Police Tahoe PPV. 2026 estimated price: $57,500 Emergency lights, sirens, wiring, console, mounts, trunk box, lettering, and all related equipment and install. Estimated price:16,000 to minimally equip, JPD Standard vehicle price is $24,800. We are only requesting funds to equip to minimum and JPD will pay for the upgrades to standard.	1	$73,500.00	$73,500.00	$0.00	**$73,500.00**
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Personnel							
	Dedicated Enforcement Hours and/or Fringe	Two Full Time DWI Officers and fringe	2	$77,000.00	$154,000.00	$77,000.00	**$77,000.00**
	Overtime and/or Fringe	DWI Unit Officer Overtime and Fringe	1	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	$10,000.00	**$10,000.00**
					$174,000.00	**$87,000.00**	**$87,000.00**
Training							
	Professional Development	DWI / DRE Confrence	2	$750.00	$1,500.00	$0.00	**$1,500.00**
					$1,500.00	**$0.00**	**$1,500.00**
				Total Contract	**$249,000.00**	**$87,000.00**	**$162,000.00**

ATTACHMENTS

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PDF	PDF Document	Single Audit Joplin 2024 FINAL.pdf	02/10/2026