

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

Notice of Grant Fund Availability

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-77.2 and authorized by N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety (Division) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program for state fiscal year 2025, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Name of the Grant Program: Motor Vehicle Snow and Ice Removal Safety Fund.

Purpose: P.L. 2009, c.138 created a separate, non-lapsing, dedicated account known as the Motor Vehicle Snow and Ice Removal Safety Fund in the Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The Fund is a repository for monies provided pursuant to subsection 3 of N.J.S.A. 39:4-77.2. Under the statute, each driver of a motor vehicle operated on a street or highway shall have an affirmative duty to make all reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice or snow from exposed surfaces of the motor vehicle prior to operation. Failure to remove the ice or snow may result in a fine not less than \$25 or more than \$75. When snow or ice is dislodged from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing injury or property damage, the operator of a non-commercial vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 and the operator, owner, lessee, or bailee of the commercial vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,500. Monies in the Fund shall be used to establish a grant program that provides incentives to encourage private companies to purchase, install, and maintain technology used to remove snow and ice from commercial motor vehicles.

Amount of Money in the Program: A total of \$150,000.00 is available on a statewide basis during state fiscal year 2025 to implement the grant program. Multiple grant requests will be considered during the fiscal year.

Eligible Entities: Component and qualified private companies capable of installing, operating and maintaining equipment for the removal of snow and ice from commercial motor vehicles are eligible.

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds: Grant funds will be used to purchase and install equipment that will remove snow and ice from all sizes of commercial motor vehicles that travel on New Jersey roadways. Other direct costs may be approved as necessary or appropriate to implement an approved project. The applicant will be responsible for installing and maintaining all equipment and shall identify the exact location and size of the facility where the equipment will be installed. The snow and ice removal equipment shall be placed at locations around the State that are convenient and easily accessible to commercial motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, service areas, weigh stations, inspection facilities, ports, terminals, and other intermodal transportation facilities. User fees may be charged for use of the equipment as a means of generating revenue to pay for costs associated with operating and maintaining the facility and its equipment.

Procedure: A copy of the application for the snow and ice removal project is available by writing to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, PO Box 048, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, or by telephoning the Division at (609) 633-9300. In addition, the application can be found at www.njsaferoads.com.

Deadline: Grant applications for the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 31, 2025 with grant awards made, subject to available appropriations, under the State Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act. Successful applicants will be notified within 90 days of the submission of their application.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Office of Highway Traffic Safety of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue to such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Office of Highway Traffic Safety to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Office of Highway Traffic Safety or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Office of Highway Traffic Safety beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Office of Highway Traffic Safety to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.



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