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# **School Bus Stop-Signal Arm Camera Grant Request for Proposal (RFP)**

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### **Grant Overview**

The Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety, a Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, seeks to provide funding to school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and/or companies that provide school bus services to install and operate school bus stop-signal arm camera systems.

### **Funding Appropriation**

In 2021 Special Session the Minnesota State Legislators appropriated funding for this project to the Department of Public Safety.

### **Funding Availability**

- A total of approximately \$7,398,000 is available to be awarded in Fiscal Year 2022 and again in Fiscal Year 2023.
- The number of grants awarded will depend on the number of buses covered under each grant application as well as the final costs to install and procure the equipment.
- Funding will be allocated through a competitive process with review by a committee representing pupil transportation experts and the staff of the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety. Grant awards will be announced based on the timeline for applications submissions section below.

- A grantee may only incur eligible expenditures once a grant contract agreement has been fully executed. Expenditures prior to the grant effective date are not eligible for reimbursement.
- If awarded funding to purchase cameras, the expectation is the cameras are in use on a qualified bus for a minimum of three years.

### **Priorities and Populations Served**

It is the policy of the State of Minnesota to ensure fairness, precision, equity and consistency in competitive grant awards. This includes implementing diversity and inclusion in grant-making. Policy 08-02 establishes the expectation that grant programs intentionally identify how the grant serves diverse populations, especially populations experiencing inequities and/or disparities.

This grant will serve:

- School-age children who ride on school buses throughout the state of Minnesota by identifying drivers who fail to stop when these children are getting on and off school buses.

### **Competitive Priority**

Priority will be given to applicants that propose to install cameras on regular route type A, B, C, and D buses; newer buses; and buses not currently equipped with a stop-signal arm or forward facing camera system.

### **SWIFT Supplier Registration Instructions**

In order to receive a payment from the State of Minnesota, you must be a [Registered Supplier in SWIFT](#). Please see Appendix C for details. **Questions on registering as a Supplier should be emailed to the MMB Supplier Help Line at [efthelpline.mmb@state.mn.us](mailto:efthelpline.mmb@state.mn.us)**

### **DPS E-Grants Instructions**

**Completed proposals must be received via the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Web-Based e-grants system by the close of the business day 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Late proposals will not be considered.**

If you are currently not an assigned user of the DPS [e-grants](#) system, click on “new user.” If you need assistance with e-grants, contact the OTS e-grants System Administrator, [Kristen Oster](#). Applicants must be assigned a username

and set up a password before they can apply to the RFP, which may take more than one business day to receive.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible Applicants:

- Minnesota School districts
- Minnesota Nonpublic schools
- Minnesota Charter schools
- Company that provides school bus services in Minnesota

Phase 2

- Application Deadline: March 15, 2022
- Awards Announced: June 2022

Phase 3

- Application Deadline: June 15, 2022
- Awards Announced: September 2022

To apply for the grant, go to the [DPS e-grants webpage](#).

For assistance with questions or for more information, contact [Rahya Geisler](#) (651-201-7273).