



2026 Annual Grant Application Overview

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Spokane Convention Center

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2026 PORTFOLIO

- Based on program plans
- Early Input sought from stakeholders, internal and external - Jan-Apr
- TAC review – May
- Program plans finalized June



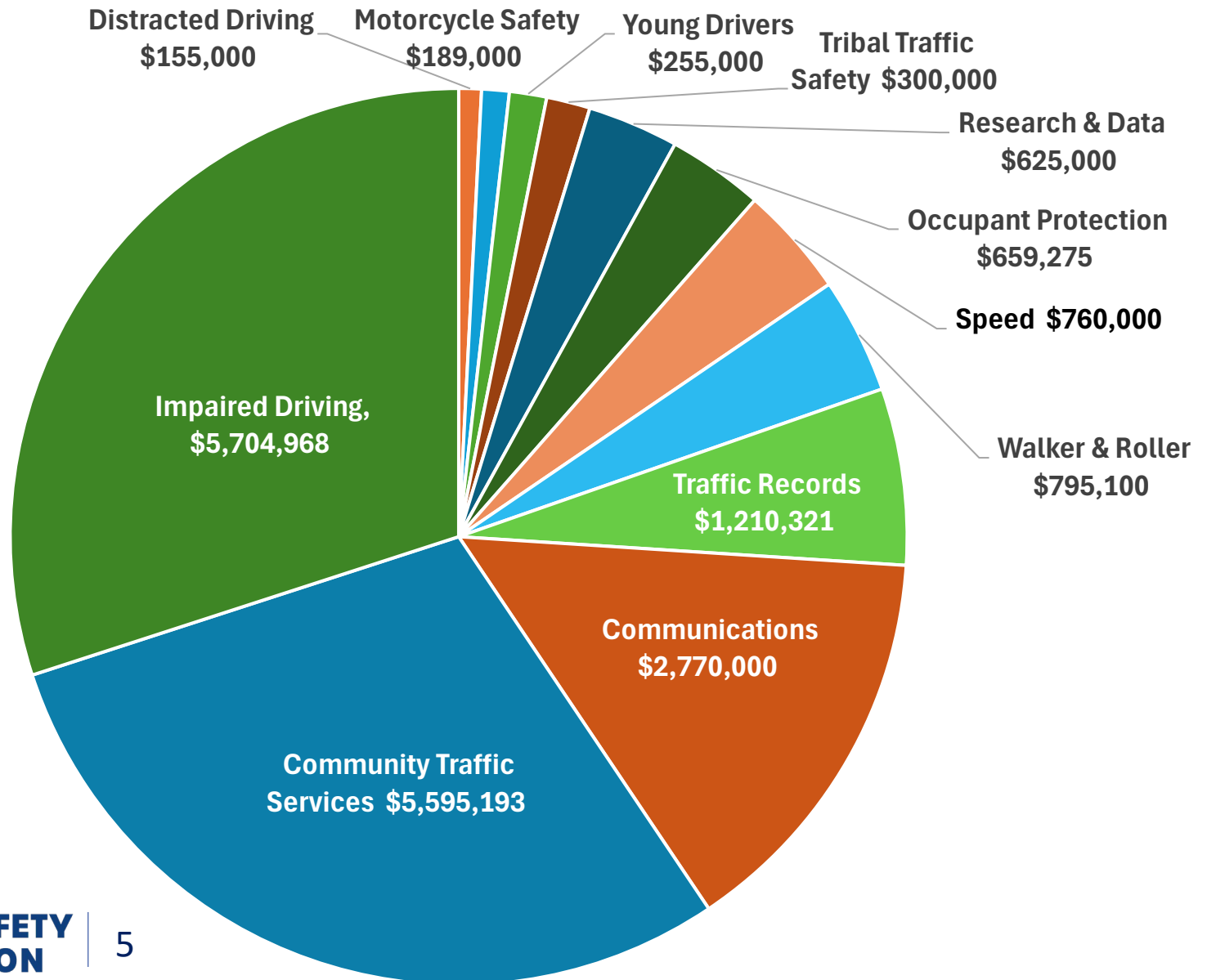
PROGRAM PLANS

- Contents:
 - Overview of the data
 - Focus populations External
 - Strategic Interventions
 - Budget
 - Theories of Change

2026 BUDGET NOTE

- 2024 and 2025 – spend down of large carryforward from COVID and BIL
- 2026 – many programs are smaller as a result of the spend down

WTSC Planned Spending by Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2026



COMPARISON FFY2025 TO FFY2026

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Communications	\$5,925,000	\$2,770,000	(\$3,155,000)
Community Traffic Services	\$6,730,627	\$5,595,193	(\$1,135,434)
Distracted Driving	\$10,000	\$155,000	\$145,000
Impaired Driving	\$6,409,914	\$5,704,968	(\$704,946)
Motorcycle Safety	\$239,000	\$189,000	(\$50,000)
Occupant Protection	\$746,500	\$659,275	(\$87,225)
Research & Data	\$890,000	\$625,000	(\$265,000)
Speed	\$810,000	\$760,000	(\$50,000)
Traffic Records	\$2,050,321	\$1,210,321	(\$840,000)
Tribal Traffic Safety	\$400,000	\$300,000	(\$100,000)
Walker & Roller	\$1,015,067	\$795,100	(\$219,967)
Young Drivers	\$340,000	\$255,000	(\$85,000)

HIGHLIGHTS – IMPAIRED DRIVING

- Decrease the number of Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRPs) from 3 to 2
- Expansion of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Training Program
- Allied Agency DUI Patrol Overtime projects
- Added a new Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL) contractor
- Dedicated DUI enforcement in Aberdeen and Kent
- Continued WSP Toxicology Lab Support
- Budget was decreased due to the availability of new state funds, the sunseting or removal of several projects based on current direction, and mutual agreement to decrease some funding based on current project phases.

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Impaired Driving	\$6,409,914	\$5,704,968	(\$704,946)

HIGHLIGHTS – OCCUPANT PROTECTION

- 15% decrease in funding for all Child Passenger Safety (CPS) programs including administration and CPS Technician mini-grants & training to support training new techs and supplies for car seat events.
- Negative impacts to program delivery not anticipated
- Continuing the Pilot of Safest Ride Program in elementary schools. If successful, will roll out statewide in FFY2027
- Increased support of tribal technician training and mentoring

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Occupant Protection	\$746,500	\$659,275	(\$87,225)

HIGHLIGHTS – YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY

- Teens In The Driver Seat school-based program funding reduced to \$200K
 - Will not reduce delivery of service / Continuing partnership with FCCLA
- Teen Target Zero funding reduced to \$20K
- New grant to fund printing of Parent's Supervised Driving Program
 - Educates on how to teach new drivers critical skills

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Young Driver	\$340,000	\$255,000	-\$85,000

HIGHLIGHTS – WALKER & ROLLER SAFETY

- FFY26 Continues five projects:
 - Seattle Neighborhood Greenways
 - Let's Go! Edmonds
 - Tacoma Neighborhood Education Project
 - Pacific Highway (SR 99) South Walker and Roller Safety Program
 - Region 10 Walker Roller Safety Zone Grant
- The statewide campaign concluded in FFY25 and will not continue into FFY26, accounting for the decrease in overall total budget.

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Walker & Roller	\$1,015,067	\$870,600	(\$144,467)

HIGHLIGHTS – DISTRACTED DRIVING (DD)

- Maintain Employer Toolkit website
- Promote Employer-based safe driving challenges using a gamified approach
- Conduct Distracted Driving Laws refresher campaigns linked to large-scale tourism/traveling events (i.e., World Cup, Hoopfest, Sea Fair, Tri-Cities Water Follies, etc.)
- Budget increase to fund additional employer-based project and Distracted Driving laws refresher project

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Distracted Driving	\$10,000	\$155,000	\$145,000

HIGHLIGHTS – TRIBAL TRAFFIC SAFETY

- FFY2026 Tribal Traffic Safety Focus Areas continues with two core initiatives, replacing some funding with state resources.
- Tribal Traffic Safety Coordinators: One current contract and contract discussions are underway with two additional Tribes: one in Eastern Washington and one coastal Tribe
- Several Tribes have initiated conversations to design culturally tailored strategies aligned with their unique priorities
- New relationships with Tribal Police Chiefs

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Tribal Traffic Safety	\$400,000	\$300,000	(\$100,000)

HIGHLIGHTS – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

- Continue with countermeasures to address rider education and training, High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) & motorist awareness
- Expand the Ride Safe, Ride On campaign to include "Check Your Speed" messages
- Working with WSDOT to advertise on Variable Message Signs and in kiosks in Rest Areas statewide

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Motorcycle Safety	\$239,000	\$189,000	(\$50,000)

HIGHLIGHTS – COMMUNICATIONS

- Maintaining HVE paid media funding at 2025 levels
- Eliminating summer Together We Get There paid media and developing no new creative in 2026 to address funding shortages
- Scaling back TZM local media funding

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Communications	\$5,925,000	\$2,770,000	(\$3,155,000)

HIGHLIGHTS – TRAFFIC RECORDS

- Roughly one-third of Traffic Records projects are being funded under 405(d) special rule 5
 - "a State may use grant funds awarded under 23 U.S.C. 405(d) for any expenditure relating to— (i) Increasing the timely and accurate reporting to Federal, State, and local databases of crash information, including electronic crash reporting systems that allow accurate real- or near-real time uploading of crash information..."
- No open call for projects in FFY2026
 - This is due to intentional, multi-year project planning to utilize the existing surplus of 405c funds.
 - The Traffic Records Program maintain funds to explore emerging projects during the fiscal year.
- Funding fewer projects in 2026 than in 2025

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Traffic Records	\$2,050,321	\$1,210,321	(\$840,000)

HIGHLIGHTS – RESEARCH & DATA

- 1 project ending (DOH Emerg. Dept. linkages for AIAN)
- 1 project continuing (UW High Risk Drivers)
- 3 new projects –
 - WSU Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Research
 - Yakima DUI Court Evaluation
 - UW eScooter Injuries Research

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Research & Data	\$890,000	\$625,000	(\$265,000)



HIGHLIGHTS – COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SERVICES

- Slight increase in compensation for Target Zero Managers to keep up with cost-of-living increases
- Reduction in funding for projects related to Traffic Enforcement and Professional Development including Training and Support for Traffic Safety Professionals, Wenatchee PD Dedicated Traffic Enforcement, and LE Culture Change projects
- Maintained funding for High Visibility Enforcement

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Community Traffic Services	\$6,730,627	\$5,595,193	(\$1,135,434)

HIGHLIGHTS – SPEED PROGRAM

- Launch of Statewide Speed Management Plan
- New projects:
 - 3 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Projects
 - Promote Employer-based safe driving challenges using a gamified approach
 - Capacity building workshops, training, conferences
 - Rest area, gas station speed management media campaign
 - Judiciary and prosecutorial speed management and technology training

Program	FFY2025	FFY2026	Difference
Speed	\$810,000	\$760,000	(\$50,000)



Questions

Thank You

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