

## **Safety Belt Overtime Grants FY2019 BASIC GRANT POLICIES**

The objective of ODOT's safety belt overtime grant program is to increase compliance with Oregon's occupant restraint laws towards the State's goal of reducing traffic crash fatality and injury rates. The following grant policies are consistent with an overall strategy of using **"high-visibility traffic law enforcement to increase public awareness and compliance" with Oregon's safety belt and child restraint laws.**

### **ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT:**

#### **Required Activities ---**

- Officer **overtime (OT)** for enforcement focusing on occupant restraint, distracted driving, speed & other traffic violations **(up to 100% of total grant.)**
- Officer **overtime** to conduct observed use surveys at beginning and end of year.
- Officer **overtime** to prepare grant reporting materials (straight time would be match).

#### **Optional Activities ---**

- Officer **overtime** for conducting public education activities that promote proper occupant restraint use. Examples include child seat inspections, community traffic safety events, safety belt alternative sentencing courses. **(Up to 35% of total grant.)**
- Officer **overtime** to promote safety belt enforcement blitzes or child passenger safety events with the media.
- **Roundtrip mileage (at state rates) and course fees to undergo National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification training.**

**Reporting Enforcement "Contacts".** Total contacts are the sum of cites and warnings issued during the reporting period. Contacts are recorded separately for overtime during blitz periods, overtime outside blitz periods, and those made on straight time.

**Match.** Match is calculated as the value of any item or service the grantee agency contributes to promoting "traffic safety" in general. Common match items include volunteer time, straight time traffic enforcement, patrol vehicle engine hours, officer training time, etc.

**Use of "Reserve" Officers.** Reserves may work **overtime** in accordance with their own agency policy and union contract provisions. Their participation may be counted as match.