

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Grants Overview



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What is the FMCSA?

- Under the U.S. Department of Transportation
 - Lead Federal government agency responsible for regulating and providing safety oversight of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs)
- Mission - to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses
- <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mission/who>



Some Facts



- Safe and efficient commercial transportation critical to public and economy
- Number of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in U.S.*
 - 10,160,433 single-unit trucks (straight trucks);
 - 2,925,210 combination trucks (tractor-trailers); and
 - 995,033 buses
- Approximately 6.5 million CMV drivers
- More than 318 billion vehicle miles
- More than 64% of freight (by weight)

*FMCSA "2021 Pocket Guide to Large Truck and Bus Statistics"

FMCSA's Grant Programs



Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)

- Federal **formula** grant program for all 50 States, Washington, DC, & U.S. Territories.
 - **Uniform and reciprocal system** for enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) & Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations (FHMRS)
 - Reduce the number and severity of crashes and HM incidents involving CMVs
 - Improve safety through enforcement, education, outreach and technology
 - Must submit a Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) outlining CMV safety efforts
- Reimburses for personnel, equipment and other costs to enable recipients to carry out approved activities and projects.
 - Inspections of CMVs and drivers, traffic enforcement, motor carrier investigations, human trafficking prevention, and others (see 49 CFR Part 350)
- MCSAP grantees account for the majority of national CMV safety efforts
 - Awarded more than \$460M in FY 2022

High Priority (HP)

- Discretionary grant program
 - Augment a State's/Territory's CMV safety efforts
 - Target unsafe driving, safe transportation of HAZMAT, outreach, education, implement innovative technological solutions, other related efforts.
 - Awarded to States, local jurisdictions, institutions of higher education, Federally recognized Indian tribes and non-profit organizations to support specific safety priorities
 - Proposals are evaluated via an Agency assessment and concurrence process incorporating technical, programmatic and budget reviews
- Awarded more than \$45M in FY 2021.
 - Anticipate awarding more than \$80M in FY2022
- Potential options for Tribal governments:
 - HM transportation "in commerce" from, to and/or through Tribal land – covered by HMRs.
 - Funding for training and/or certification of CMV safety personnel.

Commercial Driver's License Program Improvement (CDLPI)

- Discretionary grant program
 - Provides financial assistance to States and other eligible entities to improve the National CDL program and to achieve compliance with FMCSA's CDL regulations.
 - Typically awarded to States, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations to support improved compliance with 49 CFR parts 383 and 384
 - Ensures that only qualified drivers are eligible to receive and retain a CDL
 - Ensures "One Driver – One License – One Record" for each CDL holders
- Awarded more than \$44M dollars in FY 2022
- Potential focus for Tribal governments
 - Enhancing CDL operator safety education, awareness, and outreach
 - Example: combating human trafficking via CMVs
 - Safety meetings/conferences relating to CDL initiatives

Training Grants

1. Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST)

- Discretionary grant program
 - Helps reduce crashes involving CMVs by expanding the number of CDL holders possessing enhanced operator safety training
 - Also assists current or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as certain family members, to obtain a CDL
 - Typically awarded to institutions of higher education and training providers
 - Awarding more than \$3M in FY 2022
- Potential areas of focus for Tribal governments
 - Creation of CDL training programs
 - Allows access to CMVOST funding
 - Opportunities for career training and employment

2. Enforcement Training

- Discretion grant
- Train non-federal personnel to conduct CMV activities (inspections, investigations, etc.).
 - Only non-profit organizations are eligible to apply

How to Apply for FMCSA Grant Funding

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) posted on grants.gov
 - Assistance Number: 20.232 (CDLPI Grant Program)
 - Assistance Number: 20.235 (CMVOST Grant Program)
 - Assistance Number: 20.237 (HP Grant Program)
- NOFO details all eligibility and application requirements
- Applications are submitted via grants.gov
 - Project plans typical sections include project description, goals/objectives, budget narrative
 - Please read the NOFO for complete requirements
 - Make sure to include all required documents

Changes Under BIL - Funding Impacts for FMCSA

- Provides more than \$3.2 billion in resources over 5 years
- Formula grant funding provided through Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) increases by approximately 61%
- Discretionary funding increased by approximately 90%
- BIL provides supplemental grant and general operating expense funds
- Flexibility in performance periods

Funding Breakdown (assuming full appropriations)

Grant	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
MCSAP	\$470,500,000	\$478,500,000	\$486,500,000	\$ 494,500,000	\$502,500,000
High Priority	\$84,100,000	\$85,300,000	\$86,500,000	\$87,700,000	\$88,900,000
CDLPI BIL	\$57,800,000	\$58,650,000	\$59,500,000	\$60,350,000	\$61,200,000
CMVOST BIL	\$3,100,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,400,000	\$3,500,000
SET BIL	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

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Questions

