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)

*All data mentioned is 2017. Source: FMCSA “2021 Pocket Guide to Large Truck and Bus Statistics”
FMCSA Grant Programs
FMCSA’s Four 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 hazardous material incidents involving commercial motor vehicles
  • Improve safety through enforcement, education, outreach and technology

High Priority (HP)
• Discretionary grant program
  • Augment a State’s/Territory’s CMV safety efforts
  • Target unsafe driving, safe transportation of HAZMAT, education/outreach, implement innovative technological solutions, other related efforts.
FMCSA’s Four Grant Programs (cont’d)

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.
  • Ensures that only qualified drivers are eligible to receive and retain a CDL
  • Ensures “One Driver – One License – One Record” for each CDL holders

CMVOST
• Discretionary grant program
  • Helps reduce crashes involving CMVs by expanding the number of CDL holders possessing enhanced operator safety training
  • Assists current or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as certain family members, to obtain a CDL
History – MCSAP

Authorized by the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) of 1982
- Initially a discretionary grant-in-aid program to the States (for roadside inspections only).
- In FY1984, MCSAP = 4 States; $8 million
- In FY2021, MCSAP provided over $304 million to 56 jurisdictions
- In FY2022, over $470 million eligible for award due to BIL

Structure changed significantly under FAST Act
- Combined several previous discretionary grants under MCSAP
- Established mandatory deadlines for certain compliance requirements
- Significant increase in funds to States & new formula requirement

States/Territories form the backbone of FMCSA’s safety programs
- Conduct 95% of all CMV safety inspections (and other enforcement measures) nationally
- County and municipal agencies also perform enforcement activities in support of MCSAP.
• Reimburse States for personnel, equipment and other costs to enable recipients to carry out the following activities and projects.
  • Inspections of CMVs and drivers
  • CMV & non-CMV traffic enforcement
  • Motor carrier compliance reviews/investigations
  • Public education & outreach
  • Data quality improvements by MCSAP state agencies
  • Drug and alcohol enforcement (when accompanied by inspection)
  • Size & Weight enforcement (when accompanied by inspection)
  • Human Trafficking Intervention (when accompanied by inspection)
  • Other CMV safety-related activities
  • Safety Audits of New Entrant Carriers
  • Safety activities for CMV’s in international commerce (Border Program)*
MCSAP Grant – CMV Safety Efforts

- MCSAP partners account for the majority of national CMV safety efforts*
  - CMV Safety Inspections – 2.8 million
  - Carrier Investigations – 2,521
  - New Carrier Safety Audits – 41,561
  - Traffic Enforcement Inspections – 552,797

* FY 2021 data from FMCSA Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS)
MCSAP – Eligibility

- Formula-driven grant, mandated by authorization and by annual Congressional appropriations
- Only available to States and Territories
- Payment is by reimbursement for eligible expenditures
- Recipients must adopt laws compatible with the FMCSRs & FHMRs;
- Must have an approved Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) (including compatibility assurances)
- States can assume a share of the program costs
- Must maintain prior level of State effort, or “maintenance of effort” (MOE)

Formula Factor Allocation

Basic Factors: (States and Puerto Rico)

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Additional Components:

- Border Safety Component – additional funds only for States sharing a border with Canada or Mexico and engaging in CMV safety activities targeting international commerce.
- Territory Component – Funds for US Territories only (excluding Puerto Rico). Territories do not receive above components
High Priority (HP) Grant Program

Awarded to States, local jurisdictions, institutions of higher education, Federally recognized Indian tribes and non-profit organizations to support specific safety priorities

- FY 2021 funding = $45.9 million
  - $45.2M available for award after 1.5% Administrative Takedown
  - HP CMV = $21.3 million
    - CMV Safety
    - Safety Data Quality
    - PRISM
  - HP ITD = $23.9 million
  - FY 2022 funding = $84.1M total
    - Applications currently under review

Intended to increase public awareness of CMV safety and related issues, and to demonstrate new safety-related technologies

- Discretionary grants; open competition via grants.gov
- Proposals are evaluated via an Agency assessment and concurrence process incorporating technical, programmatic and budget reviews.
- Payment is by reimbursement for eligible expenditures
- States typically assume 15% share of the program cost
Discretionary Grant Program

- Typically awarded to States, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations to support improved compliance with 49 CFR parts 383 and 384.
  - Period of Performance is year of award, plus four fiscal years
    - FY 21 awards: August 1, 2021, to September 30, 2025
    - FY 2021 funding award = $29 million
**CDLPI Grant Program – Overview**

- Provides **financial assistance** to States and other eligible entities to improve the National CDL program.
- Ensure that only **qualified drivers** are eligible and receive and retain a CDL.
- Focus on concept that each driver has **only one driving record and only one licensing document**.
- States to achieve compliance with **FMCSA regulations** concerning driver’s licensing standards and programs.
- Other Entities capable of executing **National projects** that aid States in their compliance efforts and that will improve the success and consistency of the National CDL Program.
CDLPI Grant Program – Eligibility

• Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
  • Outlines eligibility and application requirements
    • Posted in grants.gov annually
    • Performance based project proposals
    • Evaluation description of Agency Merit Review Process
      • Technical, program specific, budget review and cost analysis, and past performance
    • Reimbursable for eligible expenditures incurred during period of performance
    • Cost sharing up to 15% of the total project cost
Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant Program (CMVOST)

Discretionary Grant Program
• Typically awarded to institutions of higher education, and training providers
  • Period of Performance is year of award, plus one fiscal year
    • FY 2021 awards: August 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023
    • FY 2021 funding awarded = $2 million
  • Subject to approval of necessary authorization and appropriation
• The CMVOST Grant Program purpose is to train individuals in the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles (as defined in section 31301)
CMVOST Grant Program – Eligibility

• Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
  • Outlines eligibility and application requirements
    • Posted in grants.gov annually
    • Project based proposals
    • Evaluation description of Agency Merit Review Process
      • Technical, program specific, budget review and cost analysis, and past performance
    • Reimbursable for eligible expenditures incurred during period of performance
    • Cost sharing: 15% of the project cost
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
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law [BIL]

Signed into law on November 15, 2021

- Nearly $1.2 trillion dollar investment in our Nation’s infrastructure and future.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA)

- Historic increase in grant programs - more than $3.2 billion over five years.
  - Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) increases by approximately 61%
  - Discretionary Programs increase by approximately 90%.
- New Safety Enforcement Training grant program totaling $25 million over the life of the law.
- FMCSA Funding in both Highway Trust Funds and General Fund apportionments.
- Agency is currently operating under a continuing resolution at FAST Act fiscal year 2020 levels (through February 18, 2022).
Grant Program Changes in BIL

MCSAP
- Adds a year of performance

High Priority Grant Program:
- Detect and immobilize unsafe large trucks and passenger carrying vehicles operating on nation’s roadways
- Prioritizes the prevention and detection of human trafficking

Safety Enforcement Training (SET) Grant
- SET grants provide $5 million/year for 5 years (Totaling $25 million)
- Program supports state and local commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety enforcement professionals
- Available for non-profit organizations that:
  - Have the ability to “reach and involve” CMV safety personnel in a training programs
  - Expertise in training non-federal personnel.
DOT/FMCSA Strategic Objectives

- **Safety**: Make our transportation system safer for all people
- **Economic Strength & Modernization**: Grow an inclusive and sustainable economy
- **Equity**: Address inequities
  - Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government (86 FR 7009)
- **Climate & Sustainability**: Tackle the climate crisis
  - Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Change Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 FR 7619)
- **Transformation**: Design for the future. Invest in purpose-driven research and innovation to meet the challenge of the present and foster a future transportation system that serves everyone.
- FMCSA encourages applicants to consider how grant proposals will address the challenges faced by individuals and underserved communities, and tackle climate change and sustainability.
- Make sure to carefully read Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)!!
# BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GRANT FUND BREAKDOWNS (assumes full appropriations)

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Key Points to Remember

**Funding Opportunities**
Sign up for Grants.gov

**Stay Up-to-Date**
Visit FMCSA website

**New Approaches**
Opportunities under BIL

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