

(a) Responsibility of the Governor—The Governor of the State shall be responsible for the administration of the Section 402 program through a State highway safety agency that shall have adequate powers and be suitably equipped and organized to carry out the program.

(b) Participation by Political Subdivisions—Political subdivisions shall be authorized to carry out local highway safety programs, approved by the Governor, as a part of the State highway safety program, and at least 40 percent of all Federal funds provided under this part shall be used by or for the benefit of political subdivisions, in accordance with the provisions of part 1250 of this chapter.

(c) Access for Persons with Disabilities—Adequate and reasonable access shall be provided for the safe and convenient movement of persons with physical disabilities, including those in wheelchairs, across curbs constructed or replaced on or after July 1, 1976, at all pedestrian crosswalks throughout the State.

(d) Use of Safety Belts—Programs shall be provided (which may include financial incentives and disincentives) to encourage the use of safety belts by drivers and passengers in motor vehicles.

(e) Planning and Administration Costs—Funding and matching requirements for planning and administration costs shall be in accordance with the provisions of part 1252 of this chapter.

(f) Purchase and Disposition of Equipment—Major purchases and dispositions of equipment shall require prior approval by the approving official, in accordance with the provisions of § 1200.21(d) of this part.

§ 1200.12 Due date.

Three copies of the application documents identified in §1200.10 of this part must be received by the NHTSA regional office no later than September 1 preceding the fiscal year to which the documents apply. The NHTSA regional office will forward copies to NHTSA headquarters and the FHWA division office. Failure to meet this deadline may result in delayed approval and funding.

§ 1200.13 Approval.

(a) Upon receipt of application documents complying with the provisions of §1200.10 and §1200.11 of this part, the Approving Official will issue a letter of approval to the Governor and the Governor's Representative for Highway Safety.

(b) The approval letter identified in paragraph (a) of this section will contain the following statement:

We have reviewed (STATE)'s _____ fiscal year 19__ Performance Plan, Highway Safety Plan, Certification Statement, and Cost Summary (HS Form 217), as received on (DATE) _____. Based on these submissions, we find your State's highway safety program to be in compliance with the requirements of the Section 402 program. This determination does not constitute an obligation of Federal funds for the fiscal year identified above or an authorization to incur costs against those funds. The obligation of Section 402 program funds will be effected in writing by the NHTSA Administrator at the commencement of the fiscal year identified above. However, Federal funds reprogrammed from the prior-year Highway Safety Program (carry-forward funds) will be available for immediate use by the State on October 1. Reimbursement will be contingent upon the submission of an updated HS Form 217 (or its electronic equivalent), consistent with the requirements of 23 CFR 1200.14(d), within 30 days after either the beginning of the fiscal year identified above or the date of this letter, whichever is later.

(c) If approval is withheld, for reasons of non-compliance with §1200.10 or §1200.11 of this part or other applicable law, the Approving Official shall identify in writing the specific area(s) of non-compliance which formed the basis for withholding approval.

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§ 1200.14 Apportionment and obligation of Federal funds.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, on October 1 of each fiscal year the NHTSA Administrator shall, in writing, distribute funds available for obligation under Section 402 to the States and specify any conditions or limitations imposed by law on the use of the funds.

(b) In the event that authorizations exist but no applicable appropriation act has been enacted by October 1 of a