



WRIGHT COUNTY
MINNESOTA

ADMIN Only – Program Administration

ARP Status	ARP Program Managing Agency	Grant Amount Requested
INVITE SENT	SAFE COMMUNITIES	\$10000.00
ARP Adopted Program Name		
SHIP MENTAL WELL-BEING		

American Rescue Plan Program Request

Program Name *

DRIVE SAFELY WORK WEEK PROGRAM

Program Category *

UNKNOWN/OTHER

Program Type *

WRIGHT CTY – PROJECT

Will there be multiple managing agencies or departments?

YES NO

Managing Agency or Department
Safe Communities of Wright County

Objective *

The objectives of this project include facilitating change in the attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of the employees surrounding distracted driving, speeding, aggressive driving, impaired driving and other dangerous driving-related activities – all which have greatly increased since the start of the pandemic. Since 2019, Deaths and serious injuries have increased in Wright County and we want to be a part of the solution, but we need extra funds to launch a program such as this. We seek to serve 50% of Wright County's employers who employ at least 100 people. Of those 50%, our goal is to have a majority change their policies that are related to driving, directly or indirectly. For instance, if there are rigid policies for arriving late, employees tend to drive faster and more aggressively than when the culture is more flexible and understanding of certain situations that can create tardiness for an employee. Another objective of this program is to facilitate that change in behaviors to the point where it becomes a habit to drive safely.

Description *

The Drive Safely Work Week (DSWW) Program will be offered to the 47 employers in Wright County who employ at least 100 people. This program is an opportunity for employers to address road safety with all employees, not just those in driving-focused roles, and is sponsored by the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety. Project activities are to include launching the program on Mondays with letters introducing the concepts and goals of the DSWW Program, along with the pre-survey and some giveaways via random drawing of respondents to that survey and a Lunch and Learn-type educational presentation by SCWC Executive Director, Lori Blaukat. This presentation will include skills training on improving focused driving, but will dive into driving in an emotional state and how to prevent aggressive driving. On days two through four, emails with additional information will be sent to all employees through their employers and on day five, employees and management will be asked to sign pledges stating they will practice focused driving, along with a plan of action for when they are in a highly-changed emotional state or when they feel themselves getting aggressive behind the wheel. These pledges cover the time spent driving to and from work and while they drive on the job, if their role requires that. Throughout the entire week, various display boards, posters, flyers and signs will be strategically placed in areas that are frequented by employees (break rooms, entrance...) By the end of the week, Lori will work with Administration on the potential policy changes, using templates provided by various local employers. A minimum of two weeks after the program ends at each place of employment, SCWC will evaluate the DSWW Program's effectiveness by sending out a post-survey, assessing shifts in attitudes, beliefs or behaviors and asking that company if they've implemented any of the recommended policy changes. We will continue to follow up and would consider an annual smaller scale version of the educational pieces.

Eligibility and Requested Funding

American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Category *

1.9 COVID-19 Assistance to Non-Profits

American Rescue Plan – State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Eligibility *

Since the pandemic, fatalities on Minnesota roadways have increased by over 30%. Speed, distracted driving, aggressiveness, emotional extremes and impairment all play roles in this increase. Worksite programs are an effective way to reach the masses. On average, workers spend more than a third of their day, five days per week at their workplace. This program aims to facilitate a shift in perspective as well as behavioral changes that can become a habit that spills into the other parts of their lives. Safe Communities of Wright County, a 501c3 non-profit organization, has served the area for 25 years and, even though our population in Wright County has increased by 58%, our crash fatality and serious injury numbers have decreased by 36%. We are a respected leader in the county and by partnering with the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety, we can provide the resources through this program that can truly make a difference.

Appendix 1 "Expenditure Categories" Compliance and Reporting (pages 31 & 32) – US Department of Treasury

Summary Categories

1. Public Health
2. Negative Economic Impacts
3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
4. Premium Pay
5. Infrastructure
6. Revenue Replacement
7. Administrative

NOTE: Additional supporting information will be required during the grant application process for those categories identified with * or ^ in Appendix 1 of the US Department of Treasury Compliance and Reporting document.

Instructions for funding amount request:

For one-time Requests click the add button and enter a single line for amount and year requested.

For Multi-Year Programs, click the add button for each year of the program request and enter the requested amount for each year individually.

Requested funding & time frame

Calendar Year *	Dollar Amount *
2022	\$5000.00
Calendar Year *	Dollar Amount *
2023	\$5000.00

Contact Information

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Is the proposed program eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Fund guidelines?

Yes No

Narrative:

Baker Tilly-

This isn't black and white, but I think you could get there. The application focuses on the program outcomes, and less on the harms to the non-profit. Nevertheless, I do see the possibility of using 1.9 for a few reasons.

1. The "harm" being described is that there is an increase in motorist fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic and Safe Communities of Wright County does not have the resources to address it.
2. The solution is to provide resources so that they have the capacity continue their proven mitigation strategies.
3. At \$10,000 this seems to be proportional.

Remember that if the county plans on overseeing the program, and a subrecipient relationship develops, there is going to be additional oversight.

Treasury Defines aid to non-profits on page 421 of the final rule. I would classify this expenditure falling under increased cost to provide services:

"(C) Assistance to nonprofit organizations including programs, services, or capital expenditures, including loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship such as declines in revenues or increased costs, or technical assistance;"

Page 23 of the final rule overview for assistance to nonprofits provides the most concise citation:

Is the proposed program eligible for funding under other parts of the American Rescue Plan?

Yes No

Narrative:

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Review Dates and Forum