



FFY2026 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant Program Application

Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research (OGR), Highway Safety Division

Introduction

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research (OGR) will make up to **\$5.5 million** in **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)** grant funding. Please note that OGR reserves the right to modify the amount being made available as federal funds are contingent upon receipt and appropriation from NHTSA. OGR is the State Administering Agency for traffic safety grants provided by NHTSA.

Applicant Eligibility

Massachusetts municipal law enforcement departments are eligible to apply to address local traffic safety issues, allowing funding beyond enforcement to include equipment options and developing novel traffic safety programs. The goal is to support traditional enforcement activities and develop new strategies to reduce roadway crashes, injuries, fatalities, and associated economic losses in Massachusetts.

The FFY2026 AGF opportunity will continue to support the following program elements – Traffic Enforcement & Equipment, Pedestrian & Bicyclist Enforcement, and Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities.

For more details, please review the [Availability of Grant Funds](#) on our website.

Key Dates

AGF	Posted:	April	28th,	2025
Application	Due:	June	13th,	2025
Anticipated	Award	Announcements:	at	12:00
Performance Period:			September	2025

Performance Period: **November 2025 to September 15th, 2026**

Please email all questions related to this application to OGR.MRS@mass.gov.

Please register for **FFY26 Municipal Road Safety Technical Assistance Webinar** on **May 5, 2025 2:00 PM EDT** at:

Registration Link: [Webinar Link](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Directions

Please complete all sections in this application.

The "Save" feature at the bottom of each page allows you to save your responses and provides you with a unique link to return at a later time without losing any information you have entered. Once you have completed all relevant sections in the application, click the "Submit" button.

Please note that once you submit the application, you will not be able to edit your responses.

Applicant Name

Somerville Police Department

Applicant Address

Address Line 1

220 Washington Street

Address Line 2

City

SOMERVILLE

State

Massachusetts

Zip Code

02143

If the applicant address is incorrect, please include the updates needed in the "Applicant Address Corrections" textbox below. The applicant address should be the applicant's physical location address.

Applicant Address Corrections

Tax ID and Legal Information

This is your organization/agency Tax ID (also referred to as EIN) and legal information. This information is located on your IRS form W-9. The Tax ID and legal information below must match the information listed on the IRS forms (W-9, W-4). If it does not, please enter the correct information in the Legal Information Corrections textbox below.

Applicant Tax ID Number

046001414

Applicant Legal Name

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

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SOMERVILLE

State
Massachusetts

Zip Code
02143-1740

If the legal address, legal name, or TIN are incorrect, please include the updates needed in the "Legal Information Corrections" textbox.

Legal Information Corrections

Legal Address is updated this year from past grant applications and reflects the City Hall address.

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Yes

Currently Registered in SAM

Yes

Do you have a UEI number?

Yes

Is the UEI number below correct?

Yes

UEI Number

KV62KX4QF3N8

Is your department participating in the Motor Vehicle Automated Citation and Crash System (MACCS) program?

Yes

Department Overview

Provide a clear and concise description of your department's current capacity and commitment to all aspects of road safety.

Please include how these grant funds will augment your existing efforts to reduce roadway crashes, injuries, fatalities, and associated economic losses.

Description

Measuring just over four square miles, Somerville is home to a diverse mix of approximately 80,000 blue-collar families, young professionals, college students, and recent immigrants from a range of countries. With its ethnic diversity, thriving arts and entertainment scene, proximity to Boston, and new mixed-use development, Somerville has seen its appeal grow in recent years. The city is one of the most ethnically-diverse municipalities in the U.S. Somerville is known for its more than 20 City squares, each of which defines neighborhood boundaries and offers its own unique mix of housing and businesses and is its own, walkable neighborhood.

The Somerville Police Department is comprised of multiple units/divisions, including the Patrol Division and Traffic Bureau. In FY24, the Department had 77,458 total calls for service. Budget constraints have reduced the number of officers dedicated to traffic specific duties and hours.

The mission of the Traffic Unit is to promote traffic safety for all residents of, and visitors to, the City of Somerville through education, enforcement, and investigation. Although enforcement is a major function of the Traffic Unit, it is not our only function. Other functions include enforcing non-traffic related laws, collision investigation, accident reconstruction, impaired driver enforcement, escorts for large funeral processions and dignitary protection, traffic control at civic functions, responding to citizen complaints, prosecution at traffic court hearings, enforcing City Council orders, towing and oversight of city contracted tow company, Taxi Cab licensing, background checks of drivers and inspection of all taxi vehicles. All officers in the Traffic Bureau have received a variety of specialized training that includes motorcycle operation, radar/LiDar operation, accident investigation, accident reconstruction and commercial vehicle / truck enforcement. The number one goal of the Somerville Police Traffic Bureau is to reduce accidents throughout the city.

We hope to use these funds to augment the hours and staff dedicated to traffic safety. Our Traffic Unit staff do not currently work on nights and weekends. Statistics and requests from various sources show the need for additional enforcement resources during unstaffed hours specifically during the evening commute hours of 4-7PM. In addition, some enforcement-focused recourses during staffed hours of 7-9AM and noon-1PM are supported by crash and citation data.

Has your department been previously awarded MRS funding?

Yes

Please describe the impact that prior MRS funding has had within your community.

The speed feedback boards obtained through previous grants assist the Traffic Unit by reminding travelers 24-hours a day of their speed on major thoroughfares. Through education and enforcement, the grant has helped the city prevent spikes in fatalities that have remained at zero for several years.

Crash Data

Crash Category	2022	2023	2024
Total Fatal Crashes	0	0	0
Total Serious Injury Crashes	6	11	12
Total Alcohol Suspected Crashes	15	10	10
Total Speed Related Crashes	9	7	11
Number of Pedestrian Crashes	29	20	37
Number of Pedestrian with Serious Injuries	1	5	2
Pedestrian Crashes with Fatalities	0	0	0
Number of Bicyclist Crashes	45	50	49
Number of Bicyclist Crashes with Serious Injuries	0	2	1
Number of Bicyclist Crashes with Fatalities	0	0	0
Total Crashes involving a driver 'manually operating or talking on a hand-held electronic device'	4	2	0
Total crashes involving a driver contributing circumstances is 'Inattention' or 'Distracted' and distraction is 'Not Reported' or 'Unknown'*	25	15	29
No Safety System Used - Fatal Injury & Serious Injury	0	1	3
Blank/Unknown - Fatal Injury & Serious Injury	1	2	5

**Distracted driving shall include the following: Improper use of Phone/Electronic Device, Texting, and Impeded Operation*

Internal Data

Categories	2022	2023	2024
OUI Alcohol and Drug Arrests	12	14	13
Seat belt citations	21	16	32
Speeding citations	206	901	2099
Distracted driving citations*	510	690	1197

Failure to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk citations	23	356	495
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5-Year Average Crash Report (2020-2024)

Categories	5-Year Total (2020 - 2024)	Average per Year
Crashes	3,227	645.4
Fatal Crashes	3	0.6
Serious Injury Crashes	51	10.2
Minor Injury Crashes	549	109.8
Young Driver (Under 21) Involved Crashes	221	44.2
Older Driver (65+) Involved Crashes	403	80.6
Pedestrian Involved Crashes	139	27.8
Bicyclist Involved Crashes	172	34.4
Motorcyclist Involved Crashes	38	7.6
Distracted Driving (Electronic Device)	36	7.2

Road Safety Trends

Identify three problematic road safety trends that exist in your community (either crash or citation-related). When applicable, include demographics, location, day of the week, and/or time of day.

- Trends must be informed by the crash, citation, 5-year average data, and/or other relevant traffic safety information.
- Consider including specific locations, time(s) of day, and day(s) of the week.

Trend Examples:

- *Our data shows distracted driving citations are issued on Main St twice as often compared to the rest of the town and 50% of those issued occur after 2PM.*
- *Our data shows 3 pedestrians over the age of 60 were struck by vehicles in 2022.*
- *Our CPS Technician saw a 60% misuse rate on car seats that the department checked last year.*

Road Safety Trends

Trend Number	Description
Trend 1	Citation statistics show speeding continues to be a problem on Washington St. and College Ave. at all hours of the day with an uptick in the evening commute hours. A grant will support related deployments outside of the Traffic Unit's core operating hours. The goal is to reduce speeding violations in these areas by 5-10%.
Trend 2	Pedestrian-involved crashes in dense business areas, including Assembly Row, have increased after a 3-year low in 2023. With the assistance of the grant funds, the Department will engage the four-wheeled community to send a message about how vulnerable pedestrians are. This will include citations and educational materials about the rules of the road when it comes to the proper sharing of the roadway by all motorist, pedestrians and bikes.
Trend 3	Crash statistics show that bicycle-involved crashes have remained steady, with hot spots continuing to be areas of high pedestrian concentration like Assembly Square, Broadway, Beacon St., and Union Square. We hope to establish a downward trend with cyclist accidents and curtail any increase by using grant funds to deploy in these hot spots to encourage voluntary compliance by motorized vehicles.

Which program elements of the MRS are you applying for?

Traffic Safety Enforcement
Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement
Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Items
Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities

Goals and Measurable Objectives

Priority will be given to projects that align with the following statewide goals as outlined in the [FFY 2024-2026 Massachusetts Triennial Highway Safety Plan](#) by December 31, 2026.

- Five-year average for fatalities will decline 4% from 378 in 2022 to 362.
- Five-year average for serious injuries will decline 4% from 2,708 in 2022 to 2,603.
- Five-year average for fatalities/vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will decline 12% from 0.62 in 2022 to 0.54.
- Five-year average for pedestrian fatalities will decline 8% from 76 in 2022 to 70.
- Five-year average for bicyclist fatalities will decline 14% from 7 in 2022 to 6.

Departments must provide at least one (1) goal and two (2) supporting measurable objectives in their application. Objectives should be the specific actions that a department will take to help accomplish its identified goal(s). **Objectives should relate to the program element(s) being requested.** Departments are encouraged to utilize more than one program element when creating their objectives.

The following are “fill-in-the-blank” example goals and objectives using 3-year and 5-year averages of traffic safety data. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the following examples as guidance when developing their own goals and/or objectives. If creating your own goal(s) and objectives make sure

they are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

Note: *The examples include hypothetical data points – the data you include in your goal(s) should be based on calendar-year numbers that are specific to your community. Refer to pages 5-6 in the AGF and/or application resources for more details and examples.*

Example Goal:

Reduce the number of serious injury crashes by 5 from the 2020-2024 calendar year average of 50 by end of calendar year 2026.

Example Objectives:

- Identify the top high crash locations and conduct targeted enforcement efforts a minimum of ____ times a week/month during each HVE campaign. (*priority areas include speeding, impaired driving, occupant protection, distracted driving*)
- Identify the top speed-related crash locations and conduct ____ enforcement hours in those locations during the June and July Speed Campaigns.
- Train / re-train ____ officers in SFST, ARIDE, and/or DRE to strengthen the department's ability to conduct Impaired Driving enforcement.
- Conduct/participate in ____ educational events highlighting the importance of occupant restraint through the grant period.
- Conduct/participate in ____ Child Passenger Safety inspection events each month/quarter.

Goals and Measurable Objectives

Goal 1

Goal 1

Reduce the number of pedestrian-involved accidents by 10%

Objectives

Objectives

Distribute 750 safety pamphlets to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians discouraging distracted driving and encouraging motorized vehicles to share the road for the safety of vulnerable road users.

Concentrate pedestrian crossing enforcement efforts in Assembly Square.

Concentrate pedestrian crossing enforcement efforts along Beacon St, lower Broadway and Davis Square as identified by citation data.

Conduct 150+ hours of pedestrian crosswalk enforcement. Encouraging vehicle traffic to recognize the vulnerability of pedestrians.

Encounter 1500+ motor vehicles that are not adhering to safe driving habits including violations such as blocking bike lanes, unsafe passing, dooring, j-hooking, passing closer than 4', distracted driving, speeding, impaired driving and failing to stop for red lights/ stop signs.

Goal 2

Goal 2

Equip 660 individual vulnerable road users with safety equipment.

Objectives

Objectives

Purchase 660 pieces of bike/pedestrian safety equipment including 500 lighted safety bracelets, 60 bicycle helmets and 100 bicycle light sets.

Outfit 60 bicyclists who do not possess a helmet.

Equip 500 runners, walkers and bicyclists with high-visibility lighted safety bracelets

Distribute 100 bicycle light sets to bicyclists who do not have sufficient nighttime lighting.

Goal 3

Goal 3

Increase visibility and non-enforcement interactions with the community.

Objectives

Objectives

Attend 4 or more city-sponsored events and pop-up locations along the Community Path in a non-enforcement capacity to distribute safety equipment to runners, walkers, and bicyclists, along with educational materials regarding the sharing of the road by motor vehicles and vulnerable road users.

Distribute equipment to help illuminate both bicyclist and pedestrians and promote visibility and awareness. Those with financial struggles and underserved communities will be given distribution preference for the helmets and light sets.

Traffic Enforcement

Provide a brief summary of your planned Traffic Enforcement activity, please:

- Identify which Traffic Enforcement Campaigns your department plans to participate in - Impaired, Distracted Driving, Click it or Ticket, Speed.
- Describe the planned enforcement activity(ies) - Where will the enforcement take place? How many planned enforcement hours?
- Include any relevant crash/citation data that supports the requested activity.

Example: From December 1st – December 31st we will participate in the Winter Impaired Driving Campaign. Our data shows that OUI arrests and alcohol-related crashes have increased 20% over the last 3 years with most of these incidents occurring between Friday and Sunday evenings in a 5-mile radius of the local college (located between Main Street and School Street). We will participate in 40 hours of targeted enforcement efforts during this month with dedicated patrols targeting the areas of Main Street and School Street from Thursday-Sunday evenings.

Enforcement Plan

Traffic Enforcement Summary

April 1-30th, we will participate in the Distracted Driving Campaign: Deploy in areas and roadways leading to areas with high instances of pedestrian-involved MV crashes including Assembly Sq., Beacon St., lower Broadway and Davis Sq. as identified by citation and crash report data. These identified areas account for the majority of pedestrian-involved crashes.

May 1-31st, we will participate in the Click it or Ticket Campaign: Deploy to areas of high commuter and cut through traffic.

June 1-July 31st, we will participate in the Summer Speed Campaigns: Deploy in areas with identified speeding issues based on citation data, City Council, city government officer and community input. This will include College Ave. and Beacon St.

August 1-31st, we will participate in the Summer Impaired Driving Campaign: Deploy in areas and at times, (evenings and late night/ weekends) leading to areas with high Ped involved MV crashes. This will include College Ave., Union Sq., Davis Sq. and Beacon St.

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Enforcement

Provide a plan for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement by writing in the activity corresponding to each month your department will be participating.

- For Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement indicate the month of the associated campaign period you will be participating in.
- Explain/state the data and trends that show the need to participate and where.
- Tell us how you plan on improving the data and trends by performing the enforcement.

Example: During November 1st – November 30th, our department will participate in the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Campaign. Data shows that between 2020-2024 there have been 284 pedestrian involved crashes and 82 bicyclist involved crashes. A significant number of these crashes occurred in the busy intersection of Lowell Rd. and North Ave. during commuting hours of 7:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-6:00pm. Officers will conduct 60 hours of enforcement through a combination of directed enforcement and crosswalk decoy operations within these areas during these hours.

Enforcement Plan

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement Summary

March 1-31st, we will participate in the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement Campaign: Deploy to areas of high foot traffic and areas that have high instances of non-compliance with pedestrian crossings and high occurrences of pedestrian involved accidents, such as Beacon St., lower Broadway, Davis Sq., and Assembly Sq. Enforcement through a combination of directed enforcement and crosswalk decoy operations within these areas during commuting hours.

May 1-31st, we will participate in the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement Campaign: Deploy to areas of high foot traffic and areas that have high instances of non-compliance with pedestrian crossings and high occurrences of pedestrian involved accidents, such as Beacon St., lower Broadway, Davis Sq., and Assembly Sq. Enforcement through a combination of directed enforcement and crosswalk decoy operations within these areas during commuting hours.

August 1-September 15th, we will participate in the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement Campaign: Deploy to areas of high foot traffic and areas that have high instances of non-compliance with pedestrian crossings and high occurrences of pedestrian involved accidents, such as Beacon St., lower Broadway,

Davis Sq., and Assembly Sq. Enforcement through a combination of directed enforcement and crosswalk decoy operations within these areas during commuting hours.

March 1-31st, May 1-31st, August 1-September 15th While participating in these 3 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement Campaigns we will diligently look for any motor vehicle violation that affects the safety of a bicyclist or vulnerable road user such as J-Hooking, dooring, parking in a bike lane, passing with less than 4' space, etc. A monetary citation will be the preferred response to these types of violations.

Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Items

For Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Items (see AGF for the item listing), provide:

- Justification for why the items are needed.
- Quantity of each item proposed for purchase.
- A distribution plan including targeted population, method of distribution, and an educational component.

Example: Over the last 5 years, our town has averaged 40 pedestrian and/or bicyclist involved crashes per year. We are requesting grant funds to purchase 30 bicycle helmets and 250 reflective armbands. Our department will host educational events during each Ped/Bike Mobilization, including tabling events to promote awareness and engage the public about best practices regarding visibility, traffic laws, and other safety tips. The reflective arm bands will be distributed during various educational programs while the helmets will be distributed during after-school bike safety programs in conjunction with local elementary schools aimed at promoting helmet use and education.

Pedestrian & Bike Items Justification

Over the past 5 years pedestrian involved crashes have averaged 27 per year. In 2024 we had 37, 10 more than the average. With a combination of enforcement, education and equipping vulnerable road users with high visibility equipment we hope to see a downward trend in this number going forward starting with an anticipated 10% reduction in 2026.

Bicycle involved accidents have remained steady over the last 3 years at approximately 48. This is an increase from historical averages. With a combination of enforcement, education and equipping these vulnerable road users with high visibility equipment we hope to see a downward trend in this number going forward.

We will engage vulnerable road users at a combination of events and pop-up tents along the city's Community Path to distribute 660 pieces of high visibility and safety equipment. This includes 500 lighted safety bracelets, 60 bicycle helmets and 100 bicycle light sets.

Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities

For Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities, provide the following details for each budgeted activity:

- Describe the activity, where it will take place, who will be involved, and what will their role(s) be. (This includes community events, presentations, and officer training / education opportunities.)
- Describe why you are proposing to conduct this activity and what you hope to accomplish.
- Please be as specific as possible when describing activities that involve presentations with 1+ traffic safety topics to be covered.

Examples:

- Quarterly traffic safety presentations for local high school students presented by Officer ____ to educate youth - each presentation will cover seat belt usage, distracted driving, and drunk/drugged driving to educate and raise awareness of safe driving behaviors.
- Our department no longer has a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) on staff. We would like to send 2 officers to be certified as CPSTs to fulfill community requests for CPS checks and host monthly CPS events to educate parents/caregivers on the proper use and installation of car seats and booster seats.
- Pedestrian safety presentation at the senior center presented by officers ____ and ____ to educate and empower older adults with strategies for route planning, visibility, and how to safely navigate their communities.

Note: Please refer to Page 14 & 15 of the AGF for some examples of eligible Community Awareness, Outreach and Educational Activities.

Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities

Activity	Description
Activity 1	June, 2025, 2 officers, on 2 separate dates (TBD), (4H per deployment) will attend a function set up in conjunction with the Mystic learning center and the Bicycle coalition to engage and distribute helmets and bicycle lights in the area of the mystic housing development. Officers will offer Bicycle helmets, bicycle lights and educational literature in a non-enforcement capacity. We hope to encounter at least 30 individuals per deployment.
Activity 2	Early June, Date last week in June TBD, 2 officers will attend SomerStreets Carnival Street fair in East Somerville to distribute at least 100 safety items and educational literature to vulnerable road users in a non-enforcement capacity.
Activity 3	June 25, 2025, 2 officers will attend the Somerville City Fireworks at a table to distribute at least 80 safety items and educational literature to vulnerable road users in a non-enforcement capacity.
Activity 4	July, 2025, 2 officers, on 3 separate dates, during warm, sunny July afternoons, (4H per deployment) will walk the community path and engage vulnerable road users on foot, offering safety items and educational literature. These encounters will be in a non-enforcement capacity. We hope to encounter at least 40 individuals per deployment.
Activity 5	Tuesday August 4 2025, 2 officers will attend National Night Out at Dillboy Stadium to distribute at least 80 safety items and educational literature to vulnerable road users in a non-enforcement capacity.
Activity 6	August, 2025, 2 officers, on 2 separate dates, during warm, sunny August afternoons, (4H per deployment) will walk the community path and engage vulnerable road users on foot, offering safety items and educational literature. These encounters will be in a non-enforcement capacity. We hope to encounter at least 40 individuals per deployment.

Timeline

Provide a timeline of the Element(s) activities/deliverables by writing in the activity corresponding to

each month your department will be participating.

- For Traffic and Ped & Bike enforcement, indicate the type of enforcement and total hours planned in the corresponding month.
- For equipment or safety items, enter the item you plan to purchase in the appropriate month. Traffic Equipment and Safety Items must be received by March 31, 2026.
- For Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities, enter the name of the activity in the appropriate month.

Element(s) Timeline

Month	Enforcement Activity	Purchase Equipment / Safety Items	Planned Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities
November			
December			
January		Purchase Equipment / Safety Items	
February			
March	Pedestrian / Bicyclist Enforcement Campaign		
April	Distracted Driving Campaign	Receive Equipment / Safety Items	
May	Click it or Ticket Campaign and Pedestrian / Bicyclist Enforcement Campaign		
June	Summer Speed Campaign		Mystic learning center bicycle helmet distribution, SomerStreets Carnival Street fair
July	Summer Speed Campaign		Somerville City Fireworks at a table and community path engagement
Aug-Sep 15th	Summer Impaired Driving Campaign and Pedestrian / Bicyclist Enforcement Campaign		National Night Out and community path engagement

Public Participation & Community Engagement

The Office of Grants and Research is interested in participating in upcoming community events (Open House, Touch-A-Truck, Community Presentations, etc.) in an effort to increase our outreach and further educate the public about various Highway Safety Division programming and how it can benefit them.

If your department is interested in having OGR participate in an event, we ask that you please provide any community engagement activities (Type of Event, Date, etc.) that your department and/or city or town are actively engaged in or are planning to conduct during the upcoming FFY2026 grant cycle in the textbox below.

Somerville would be happy to host the OGR during the national night out in August, or at the East Somerville SomerStreets Carnival street fair.

Budget

Dollar amount of funding requested in your application

\$65,000.00

Budget Narrative

For each cost category that has an associated funding request in the Budget Excel Worksheet (Attachment B), please provide an overall description and justification of that cost category. The budget category narratives should describe what the budget entails, why the items in that category are needed, and how the budgeted amount was determined. Applicants should submit a budget for *up to* September 15th, 2026.

The budget narrative for each cost category should not be a copy-paste list of the budget item list from your Budget Excel Worksheet - you are expected to justify the need for those items as outlined above.

Does the budget for this project include Traffic Enforcement Overtime?

Yes

Traffic Enforcement Narrative

Traffic enforcement, education, and engineering are elements of an overall traffic safety program to promote the safe, efficient, and orderly movement of motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians in Somerville. Enforcement and education programs are designed to change dangerous driving behavior and to promote voluntary compliance with the vehicle laws of the Commonwealth. Somerville is one of the most densely populated Cities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and continues to grow through new construction and development. Hence, there is a need for increased education & enforcement. Bicycles are becoming a preferred mode of transportation for many community members, which has increased the number of bike lanes in the City and narrowed many roadways. The addition of the new bike lanes and shared streets creates the need for additional enforcement and

Traffic Enforcement Costs

\$33,930.00

education efforts for vehicles focusing on keeping bicyclists and pedestrians safe. The department recognizes there is a time and place for safe Idaho stops for bicycle riders and takes that into consideration when implementing grant deployments. Our goal is to interact with motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians in a positive manner so to provide education to the public while creating safer roadways for all. The number of hours per year that Traffic Division personnel dedicate educating and/or enforcement has decreased over the last few years due to budget and staffing shortages. The average patrol officer, assigned to area patrol, dedicates less than 1 hour of their shift to traffic related education and/or enforcement. Significant problem areas are identified through citation data, community input, and information conveyed by City government. The Somerville Police Department is currently understaffed and as a result, the Traffic Division continues to run with a reduced staff. This has reduced traffic enforcement and education in the community.

Does the budget for this project include Traffic Safety Equipment?

No

Does the budget for this project include Ped/Bike Enforcement Overtime?

Yes

Ped/Bike Enforcement Overtime Narrative

Nationwide and more specifically in Somerville there has been a push to focus on the safety of Vulnerable Road Users and influencing motorized traffic traffic to adhere to rules designed to keep Vulnerable Road Users safe. Somerville has seen a rise in pedestrian involved motorized vehicle crashes from a low of 20 in 2023 to a recent high of 37 in 2024. The dedication of additional time and resources in a focused plan to gain voluntary compliance from the motoring community is a must for reducing this increase. we hope to lower this number by 10% in 2026.

Ped/Bike Enforcement Overtime Costs

\$17,316.00

Does the budget for this project include Ped/Bike Safety Items?

Yes

Ped/Bike Safety Items Narrative

The items we have chosen are designed to illuminate and / or protect Vulnerable Road Users from motorized traffic. We hope to decrease the instances of Vulnerable Road Users involved crashes by 10% over the next year with education, enforcement and outfitting Vulnerable Road Users

Ped/Bike Safety Items Costs

\$5,642.00

with highly visible lights.

Does the budget for this project include Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities?

Yes

Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities Narrative

The Department hopes to attend 4 city-sponsored events and 5 pop up locations along the community path in a non-enforcement capacity to distribute safety equipment to runners, walkers, bicyclists along with educational materials regarding the sharing of the road by motor vehicles and vulnerable road users. This is the counterpart to our enforcement of vehicle traffic. It is the belief of the department that being visible is essential in being proactive to the safety of Vulnerable Road Users. The city planners are implementing measures and re-designing streets to make it safer for Vulnerable Road Users. Until all these design changes and elements can be implemented, there must be an effort to make Vulnerable Road Users safer.

Community Awareness, Outreach, and Educational Activities Costs

\$8,112.00

Does the budget for this project include fringe & payroll tax costs?

No

Does the budget for this project include indirect rate costs?

No

Does the applicant have a federally approved indirect cost rate?

No

Will the applicant be requesting the de minimis rate?

No

Cost Categories Total

\$65,000.00

Document Upload

Attachment B: Budget Excel Worksheet Form (Summary and Details sheets)

FFY26_MRS_Budget_Attachment_B.xlsm

Organization's Overtime Policy

Policy 428 - Patrol Officer Overtime.pdf

Additional Materials

Somerville Police Bike Light Quote 2.pdf

Somerville Police Helmet Quote June 2026.pdf

Somerville Police LED Armband June 2025.pdf

Policy 417 - Police Vehicles.pdf

Shopping Cart _ Staples® FY2026.pdf

Authorizing Official Signature

As the Authorizing Official of **Somerville Police Department**, the Somerville Police Department hereby acknowledges the terms and conditions as identified in the FFY2026 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Availability of Grant Funding. The Department understands and agrees that a grant received as a result of this application process is subject to the regulations governing highway safety projects and grant administrative requirements and agrees to comply with all applicable Local, State, and Federal rules and regulations.

I hereby acknowledge that if purchasing equipment and/or safety items, the Department will comply with all grant contract requirements and related state and federal guidelines as they pertain to the purchasing of allowable equipment and/or safety items. The Department understands and agrees that any items approved for purchasing will be used specifically for the purposes as set forth in conjunction with the FFY2026 MRS grant program.

I hereby acknowledge that funding is contingent upon the availability of federal NHTSA funds, and certify if awarded, that these federal funds will not supplant any other funds currently made available to the Department.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge having read and understand all FFY2026 MRS grant administration requirements and agree to comply with the best of the Department's ability.

Name of Applicant

Somerville Police Department

Authorizing Official Name

Katjana Ballantyne

Job Title

Mayor, City of Somerville

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katjana Ballantyne', with a stylized, cursive script.

Date

6/13/2025

The confirmation email will go to the grant contact at this email:

mmccarey@police.somerville.ma.us

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