

CHILD SAFETY AND CHILD BOOSTER SEAT INCENTIVE GRANTS

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Authorization	\$0	\$6 M	\$6 M	\$6 M	\$7 M

Program Purpose

Section 2011 of SAFETEA-LU establishes a new incentive grant program to make grants available to States that are enforcing a law requiring any child riding in a passenger vehicle who is too large to be secured in a child safety seat to be secured in a child restraint that meets the requirements prescribed under section 3 of Anton's Law (49 USC 30127 note; 116 Stat. 2772). These grant funds may be used only for child safety seat and child restraint programs.

Eligibility

States are eligible to receive grants under this section by enacting and enforcing a law requiring any child passenger between the ages of 4 and 8 in a motor vehicle to be secured in a child restraint that meets the requirements prescribed under section 3 of Anton's Law. Exclusions to the law for children who weigh in excess of 65 pounds or who have attained a height of 4 feet, 9 inches or taller are acceptable. Other acceptable exemptions are for children with medical conditions making them unable to use a child restraint system (providing there is written documentation from a physician), and for children riding in a passenger motor vehicle that is not required to be equipped with safety belts.

A State receiving a grant under this section shall report to the Secretary on the manner in which the grant amounts were obligated and expended and identifying the specific programs carried out using the grant funds.

Those jurisdictions defined as "States" in chapter 1 of Title 23 are eligible to receive Section 2011 funds; this includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Funding

Authorizes \$25 million over 4 years. The amount of funding to each State each year may not exceed 25 percent of the amount apportioned to the State for Section 402 in FY 2003.

No more than 50 percent of the grant a State receives in a fiscal year shall be used to fund programs for purchasing and distributing child safety seats and restraints to low-income families. The remaining amounts shall be used to carry out child safety seat and child restraint programs including the following:

- Enforcement of child restraint laws.
- Training child passenger safety professionals, police officers, fire and emergency medical personnel, educators and parents concerning child safety seats and child restraints.
- Educating the public concerning the proper use and installation of child safety seats and child restraints.

Federal share shall not exceed 75 percent for the first 3 years of the grant and 50 percent for the fourth year. States must demonstrate a maintenance of effort.

Program Administration

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will administer this program. Program guidance was published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2006.

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