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(insert agency/organization name) just received (insert funding number) in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as part of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) Grant. This grant program funds organizations that recruit and train individuals to obtain commercial driver’s licenses to operate large trucks and buses, with a specific focus on providing opportunities for veterans to transition into the trucking industry. The grant program has received increased funding under President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

In 2022 (the latest year for which we have data), over 42,000 people died on our nation’s roadways due to crashes. That includes nearly 6,000 fatal crashes involving large trucks and buses. We are committed to working with FMCSA and other agencies to improve roadway safety, prevent crashes, and save lives. This grant funding will help us increase the number of qualified, safe drivers entering the trucking industry, improving roadway safety while also helping our veterans obtain new career opportunities.

We are happy to set up an interview with a spokesperson to talk more about this grant funding and how it will benefit (insert community name) by preventing crashes and saving lives on our roadways.