

Agenda



- Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation (CDLPI)
 Grant Program Overview
- Title VI Compliance Program Information
- FY 2025 NOFO Priorities and Additional Information
- CDLPI Grant Application Template
- Resources and Contacts
- Q&A

The purpose of the CDLPI Grant Program is to...





Provide **financial assistance** to States and other eligible entities to aid participation in the National CDL Program



Ensure that only **qualified drivers** are eligible and receive and retain a CDL



Focus on concept that each driver has **only one driving record and only one licensing document**



Help States to achieve compliance with **FMCSA regulations** concerning driver's licensing standards and programs



Help other entities capable of executing **national projects** that aid States in their compliance efforts and that will improve the success and consistency of the National CDL Program

Title VI Program Compliance Plan Award Requirement



- FY2025 Title VI Program Assurance and Compliance Plan Requirements
 - The FMCSA Title VI Program Federal financial assistance award requirements consist
 of an annually updated Title VI Program Compliance Plan (Plan) including the
 FMCSA Title VI Program Assurance (Assurance)
 - The technical assistance webinar for the FMCSA Title VI Program Compliance Plan Requirements is available at this link: https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/grantswebinars
 - The Assurance and Compliance Plan must be submitted to Mr. Lester Finkle, FMCSA National Title VI Program Manager for approval
 - To begin this coordination, please contact Mr. Lester Finkle, FMCSA National Title VI Program Manager, at lester.finkle@dot.gov



Title VI Program Assurances and Compliance Plan must be submitted with applications and approved by FMCSA to be eligible for grant award.



CDLPI Award Performance Goals



- Data Sources
 - Baseline Data quantifiable and qualitative
 - For SDLAs, FMCSA will evaluate the applications performance goals by examining:
 - State Compliance Records Enterprise (SCORE) System
 - Commercial Driver's Licensing Information System (CDLIS) reports, Driver History Reports
 - Other data sources/reporting that the applicant provides as their source data baseline
 - Provide database(s) name or webpage source/links in project plans
 - For applicants that are not States, FMCSA will evaluate the applications performance goals my examining:
 - Any available data and other data source(s) used and reported or referenced by the applicant,
 - Compare the results from the program with baseline data provided in the application, and
 - Any other FMCSA accessible reports.

CDLPI Award Performance Goals



Performance Indicators

 FMCSA will assess the success of the goals being met by the indicators included in the project application, such as, but not limited to:



Sustained Compliance



Compliant Issuance of CDL/CLPs



Timely Driver History
Record (DHR)
Actions



Ensuring Data

Quality



Improve Fraud Prevention and Reduce Fraud



Innovative
Approaches to
Improving CDL
Issues



Increased Testing Rates and Integrity



Human Trafficking Awareness, Prevention, and Reporting



Cost Savings



Increased Training in Adjudication Process

FY 2025 National Priorities



Basic Project Priorities - SDLAs ONLY

- Implementing or maintaining compliance of CDL-related regulatory rulemakings or supporting the National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS)
 - Final rule integration of Medical Examiner's Certification
- Correcting and mitigating CDL regulatory compliance findings
 - Identified through Annual Program Reviews and/or Internal State-led Reviews
- Improving CDL data elements such as timeliness, completeness, and accuracy
- SDLA partnership efforts that lead to increased compliance
 - Priority given to multi-jurisdictional partnerships or partnerships with other entities
- Operation & Maintenance projects (lowest priority)

FY 2025 National Priorities



High Priority/Emerging Issues Priorities

Must be capable of executing national projects that aid States in their compliance efforts and improving the National CDL Program

- Reducing CDL skills testing delays and wait times
- Recognizing, preventing, and reporting of human trafficking
- Conducting a systemic review of a State's CDL program to support the State's Annual State Certification of Compliance
- Improving compliance by using proven tools or developing new tools to be utilized by SDLAs and other partners
- Projects for enhancing court expertise

FY 2025 National Priorities



- High Priority/Emerging Issues Priorities (contd.)
 - Researching and/or facilitating the detection and prevention of fraud in the CDL process
 - Hosting meetings and conferences to address CDL compliance issues
 - Detailed budget
 - Timeline for plan completion
 - Detailed plan for execution
 - Post-meeting final report
 - Implementing or maintaining an Employer Notification System (ENS)
 - Supporting an SDLA's review and evaluation for access to CDL services in underserved communities
 - Developing and implementing a CDL citation and adjudication group

Federal Award Information



Funding

- Authorized up to \$88,700,000
- Final funding amounts are subject to availability of funding appropriated by Congress

Application Project Information

 No more than four projects per application

Period of Performance (PoP)

- Year of award, plus four fiscal years
 - 9/30/2029



Due Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 by 5 p.m. ET

Eligibility Information



Eligible Applicants



Federal Funding 100% - No match requirement

Eligibility Information



INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

Content and Form of Application Submission



Application Page Limitations

Non-SDLAs

35

Pages

SDLAs

40

Pages

Performance Based Project Plan Elements

- 1. Brief Introduction
 - SDLA Self-Assessment
- 2. Problem Statement
- 3. Performance Objective
- 4. Performance Activity Plan
- 5. Performance Measurement Plan
- 6. Monitoring and Timeline/Milestone Plan
- 7. Budget Narrative

CDL Program Self-Assessment



- SDLAs required to have a CDL program assessment
- Include components outlined in the NOFO

a. Introduction

Include a description of the goal(s)/purpose(s) intended to be accomplished within the application and reference the applicable program priority(ies) (See Section A) for the project. The introduction must also include a discussion of the organizational capacity of the entity: an overview of the organization's structure and a description of sufficient resources to be successful in administering the proposed projects.

For SDLA Applicants Only: CDL Program Self-Assessment (Program Overview)

Applications from SDLAs must include a CDL program self-assessment, which may be included as part of the application's brief introduction. A separate, stand-alone document is not required. The CDL Program Assessment is a summary of key elements of the applicant's program and must include the following six components:

- A list of all open findings in the SCORE system, including the finding's citation and a brief description; the reason for the finding; the proposed resolution; and the expected date by which the finding will be closed.
- A list of all open CDLPI grant awards, including the award number, award amount, and purpose; progress made to date in achieving the award's objectives; remaining unexpended funding; the expected date of completion; and how this application's requested funding does not duplicate their costs or activities.

Funding Restrictions



- Bonus costs are not a necessary expense under FMCSA awards
 - 2 CFR part 200, subpart E; 2 CFR 200.403-200.405
- The rent, lease, or buying of land or buildings is NOT an allowable cost
- Indirect Cost (IDC) Agreement Requirement
 - 2 CFR 200.414(c)
 - Current period IDC agreements must be submitted within 90 days of acceptance of the award. If not, indirect cost rate will not be reimbursed that fiscal year. It will be allowed the following fiscal year with a current period IDC agreement.

Eligibility Criteria

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Administration

SECTION E - APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1 Criteria

1.1 Eligibility Criteria

FMCSA will first screen all applications received by the due date to determine if the application is eligible. In addition to the eligibility criteria under Section C, FMCSA will review the application for the following criteria.

Eligibility Criteria:	
 Was the applicat 	tion submitted by the deadline?
2. Was the applicat	tion submitted by an eligible applicant?
3. Is this application	n a duplicate submission as confirmed by the applicant?
4. Was the Applicat	tion for Federal Assistance (SF-424) completed?
Was the Budget	information for Non-Construction form (SF-424A) completed?
6. Was the Assuran	ces for Non-Construction form (SF-424B) completed?
7. Was the grants.g	ov Certification Regarding Lobbying form completed?
8. Was the Disclosu	re of Lobbying activities form (SF-LLL) completed?
9. Do the Key Conta	act forms include PI/PD and ADO contact information?
10. Was a current ID	C agreement included in the application? (if applicable)
11. Does the applica	tion include a complete Budget Narrative?
12. Does the applica	tion include a complete Project Narrative?
13. Does the project	support the purpose of the CDLPI grant program and statutes?
Program Compliand Compliance Plan us current Federal Fisc	ation include a FMCSA Office of Civil Rights' approved Title VI se Plan for the current Federal Fiscal Year or a draft Title VI Program ing the current Title VI Program Compliance Plan Checklist for the sal Year? See the Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Program Title VI Assessments section of this NOFO for more information.

Application Review Information



Section C. 3

A complete application includes:

- The application was submitted by the deadline (February 24, 2025 by 5:00 PM ET)
- The application was submitted by an eligible applicant, as described in Section C.1.
- The application has a completed SF-424, SF-424A, and SF-424B
- The application has a completed Grants.gov Certification Regarding Lobbying form.
- The application has a completed Lobbying activities (SF-LLL) form, if applicable.
- The application includes a complete Budget Narrative and Project Narrative.
- The application's projects support the purpose of the CDLPI grant program and statutes.

Application Review Information



Merit Evaluation Criteria (Section E. 1.2)

- FMCSA subject matter experts will review all eligible applications using the following Merit Evaluation Criteria:
 - Technical Merit Criteria
 - Budget Review/Cost Analysis Criteria
 - Program-Specific Criteria
 - Past Performance Criteria
 - Other Review Information
 - Racial Equity and Climate Change & Sustainability

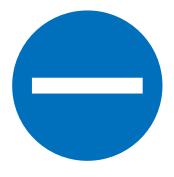
Merit Review Rating



FMCSA prioritizes applications using the ratings below based on the applicability of the Merit Criteria and other preferences to the application.







Responsive



Not Responsive

FFR & PPR Reporting



- Recipients will submit Quarterly electronically through GrantSolutions:
 - Federal Financial Report (SF-425)
 - Performance Progress Reports (SF-PPR)
- Recipients must submit requests for reimbursement electronically through the Delphi elnvoicing System (iSupplier)



CDLPI Grant Application Template



- Having a complete project plan and budget narrative are critical pieces of the CDLPI Grant application
- FMCSA is providing a template to help applicants produce detailed project plans and budget narrative to apply for the CDLPI Grant more efficiently

The application template is intended to:



Help applicants
produce more
detailed project and
budget plans



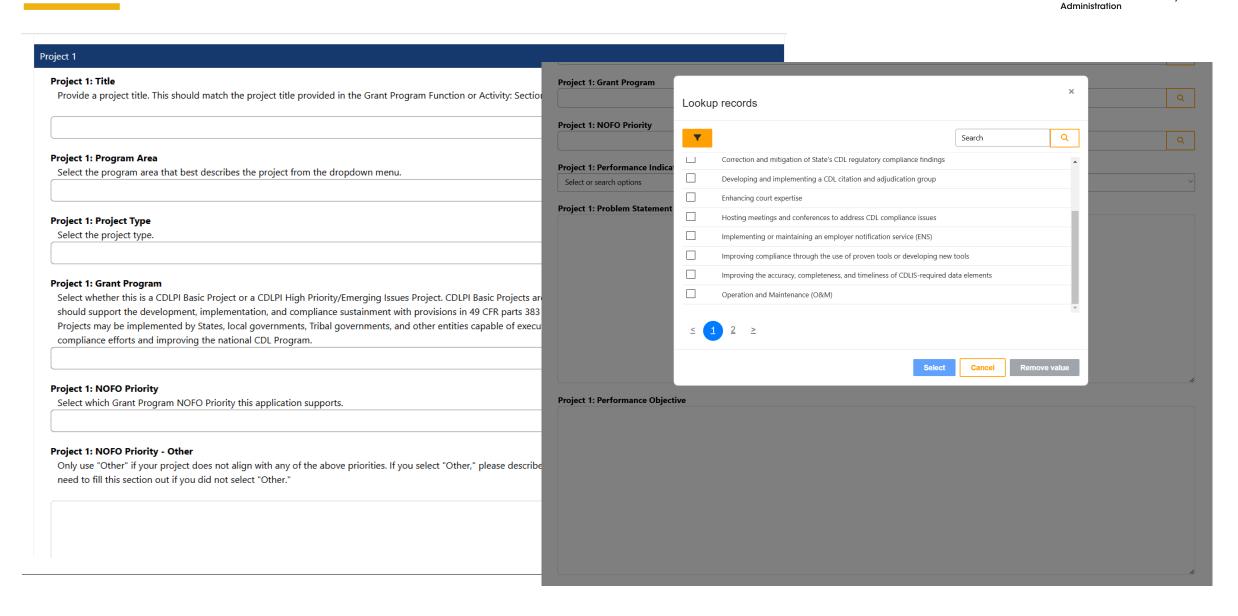
Simplify the project
plan element by
providing selection
options and narrative
fields to address project
plan requirements



Streamline the process for FMCSA's Merit Review Process

CDLPI Grant Project Plan Template





CDLPI Grant Budget Narrative Template



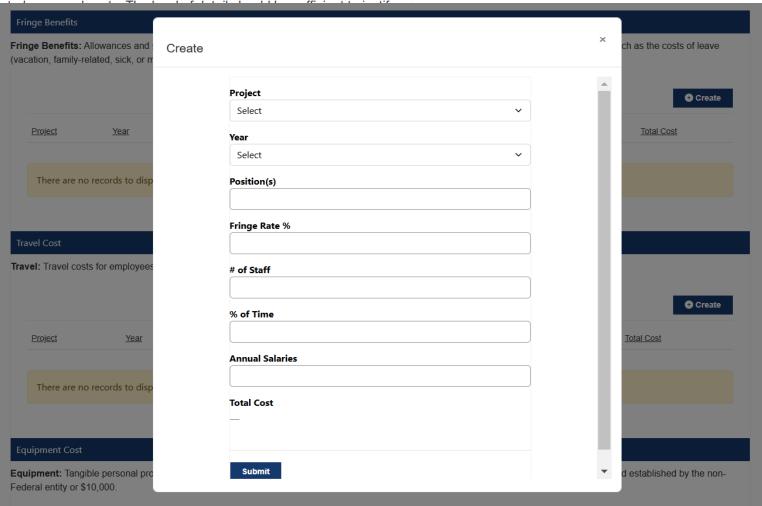
Budget Narrative

A budget narrative is a description, by budget category (object class), that details the costs necessary to complete the proposed project. A well-

written budget narrative ensures that the applicant has properly docume the funding requested and makes a natural connection to the activities a use the sample budget narrative format included in Appendix B of the N necessity, and allocability of all costs, applications should include a deta objectives.

Each project must have its own budget narrative that matches the SF-4 cents for Federal costs on the SF-424, SF-424A, and budget narrat multiple projects must also contain a comprehensive or summary budge budget must match the applications SF-424 and SF-424A.

The budget narrative must reflect the allocability of project activities to t stated under the priorities in subsection (A)(4).FMCSA may adjust the a budget narrative to be provided.



CDLPI Grant Application Template



FMCSA transitioned the template to a new platform to provide expedited access to users.

We need your help!

This pilot template is available for anyone who would like to utilize it.

Users will:

- Participate in a webinar where we will walk you through the template and process.
- Use the template to draft your project and budget plans.
- Give us feedback on the template and process.

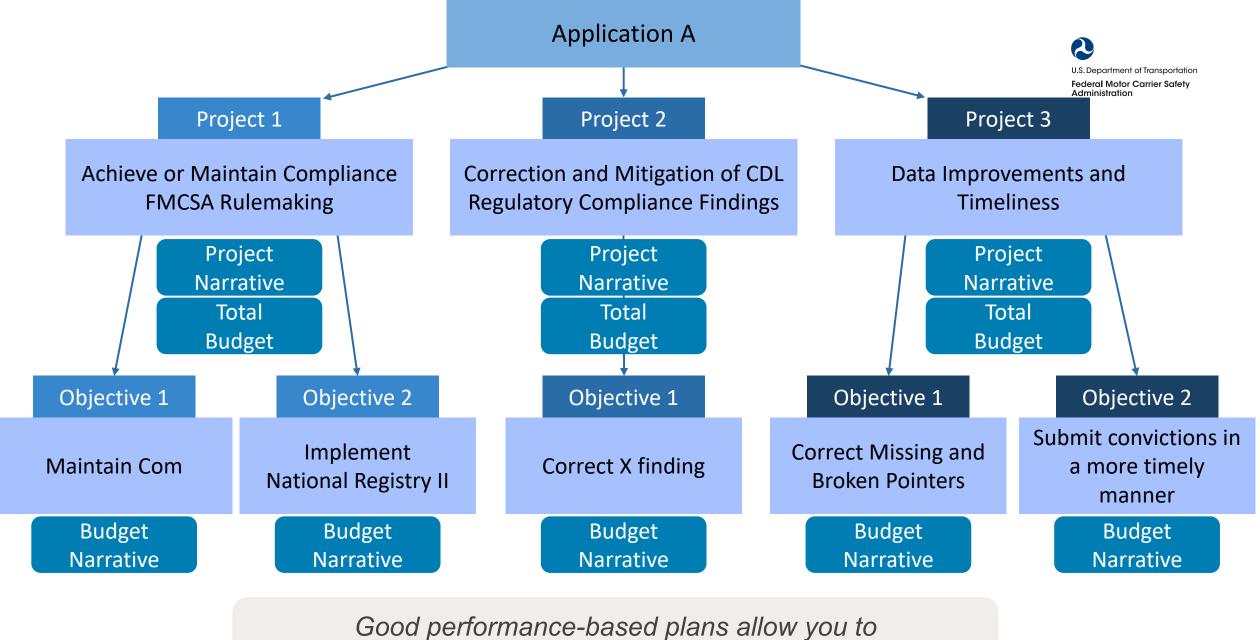
Your feedback will help shape how the template is updated for submitting CDLPI Grant applications in the future.

If your Entity would like to utilize the template, please <u>register</u> for the training session that will be held on **January 22 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET**:

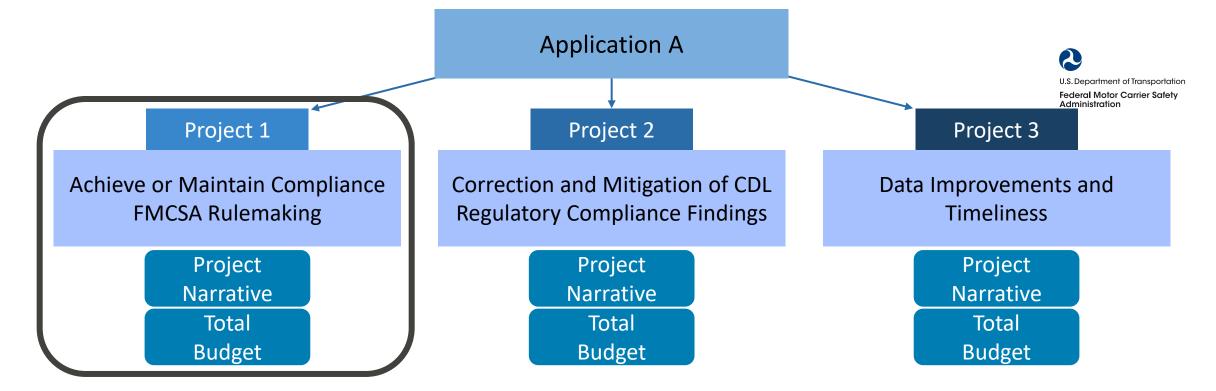


Using this template will not adversely affect the consideration of your application. The same merit review process will be followed whether an application is submitted through the traditional method or new template.





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What is a Project?

- A project may consist of one or more priorities that work toward achieving a defined goal. If an applicant chooses to propose multiple projects within a single application, each project must contain:
 - A distinct title
 - A separate and distinct project narrative
 - A comprehensive budget, which reflects total of multiple budget narratives, if applicable



Achieve or Maintain Compliance FMCSA Rulemaking

Project 1

Project
Narrative
Total
Budget

Objective 1

Objective 2

Clearinghouse-II

EEE

Budget

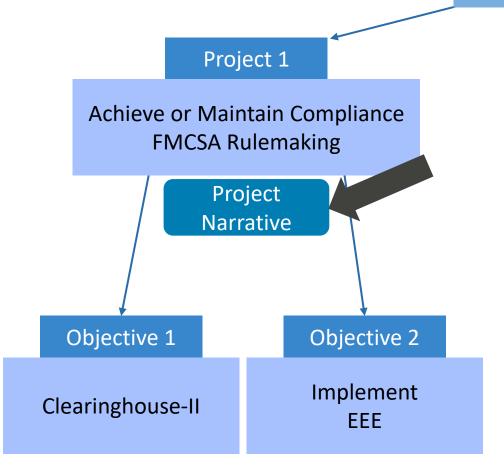
Narrative

Project(s) and objective(s) should reflect priorities as outlined in the NOFO

Budget

Narrative





What should the **Project Narrative** include? (NOFO Section D-2)

- Introduction
 Self-Assessment (SDLAs only)
- 2. Problem Statement
- 3. Performance Objective
- 4. Program Activity Plan
- 5. Performance Measurement Plan
- 6. Monitoring Plan
- 7. Budget Narrative





Achieve or Maintain Compliance FMCSA Rulemaking

Objective 1

Objective 2

Clearinghouse-II

Implement EEE

What should the Project Narrative include?

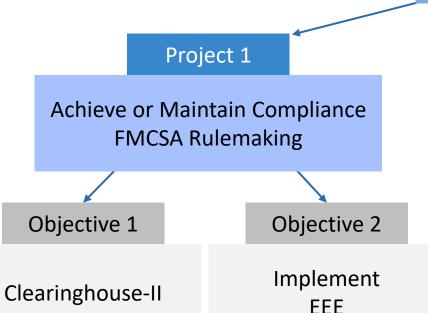
1. Introduction

- Explain the project purpose
- Include what specific NOFO priorities the project will address
- Note: SDLAs required to have a CDL Program Self-Assessment

EXAMPLE

"The SDLA's project purpose is to implement two FMCSA rulemakings that fall under CDLPI priority 1 to achieve compliance with FMCSA rulemakings. The two rulemakings are: 1) implementing mandatory CDL downgrade and non-issuance requirements by November 18, 2024, as required by the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse-II final rule and 2) ensure that all convictions and withdrawals are exclusively exchanged electronically. If the State does not complete all related activities by the rulemaking's compliance dates, a finding will be generated in SCORE and the State will not be able to act upon the data that is required to sent or received from other jurisdictions and applied to Driver History Records."





What should the Project Narrative include?

2. Problem Statement

- Quantitative description of the issue the project will address
- Include baseline data and targeted outcome
- Include 49 CFR regulatory citation

EXAMPLE

"Our State driving licensing IT systems have not been updated to comply with FMCSA CDL rulemakings that will affect the State's compliance with 49 CFR. Specifically, implementation of the Clearinghouse-II final rule and EEE rulemaking. The programming requirements for Clearinghouse-II are required to be completed and implemented by November 18, 2024, per 49 CFR parts 382, 383, and 384.



Project 1

Achieve or Maintain Compliance FMCSA Rulemaking

Objective 1

Objective 2

Clearinghouse-II

Implement EEE

What should the Project Narrative include?

2. Problem Statement

- Quantitative description of the issue the project will address
- Include baseline data and targeted outcome
- Include 49 CFR regulatory citation

Consider the following data sources:

- State Compliance Records Enterprise (SCORE) System
- CDLIS Reports
- Regulatory citation
- Enforcement and Crash Statistics data in A&I Online
- Internal reports from your State or organization (including judiciary reports)
- Other data sources to be determined by each entity





Achieve or Maintain Compliance FMCSA Rulemaking

Objective 1

Clearinghouse-II

Objective 2

Implement EEE

What should the Project Narrative include?

- 3. Performance Objective(s)
 - Describe the anticipated project outcome, with quantitative data, as appropriate
 - **SMART:** Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time bound

EXAMPLE

"The State must complete all regulatory requirements to implement the mandatory CDL downgrade and non-issuance for individuals listed as "prohibited" in FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, as defined by 49 CFR 383.73, 384.225, and 384.235. The programming in order to implement the rulemaking involves not only the regulatory requirements in State rules and regulations, but also the updating of the IT system to be able to query data from the Clearinghouse and receive notifications from the Clearinghouse system."



Project 1

Achieve or Maintain Compliance FMCSA Rulemaking

Objective 1

Clearinghouse-II

Activity 1

Hire 2 programmers to automate queries and receive machine-to-machine notifications

Activity

Conduct scenarios in test environment before going live

Activity 3

Update automated letters to be sent to downgraded drivers

What should the Project Narrative include?

4. Program Activity Plan

- May have multiple activities required to achieve the performance objective
- Each activity must have a quantifiable output to measure and report movement against the baseline established

EXAMPLE

"The State must hire additional personnel to complete the required programming and, which is estimated to take 700 programming hours, in order to update the IT system to automatically query the Clearinghouse before completing a commercial transaction, to receive notifications sent from the Clearinghouse system, and to generate letters to individuals that are prohibited from operating a CMV due to violation in 49 CFR part 382, subpart B."



Project 1

Achieve or Maintain Compliance FMCSA Rulemaking

Objective 1

Clearinghouse-II

Activity 1

Hire 2 programmers to automate queries and receive machine-to-machine notifications

Activity

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What should the Project Narrative include?

5. Performance Measurement Plan

- Explain how progress toward the performance objective will be measured (hours, number of drivers tested, conviction posting timeliness, etc.)
- Include key milestones and timelines



Project 1

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Objective 1

Clearinghouse-II

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What should the Project Narrative include?

5. Performance Measurement Plan

EXAMPLE

"The SDLA will monitor all activities and outcomes in relation to the original baselines and timelines established in the project plan and report at least quarterly. The Project Manager will accumulate biweekly at a minimum: 1) the number of hours the programmers have dedicated to a) automating Clearinghouse queries, b) receiving Clearinghouse notifications, c) automating of the DACH letters, and d) any additional programming hours resulting from the staff test case results; 2) the hours the Disqualification Supervisor and helpdesk staff have dedicated to a) testing the queries and notification functionality and b) reviewing the automated letters generated; and 3) the number of scenarios tested and the results of each test, i.e. successful vs. not successful, including the automated letter being accurate."



Project 1

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Objective 1

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What should the Project Narrative include?

6. Monitoring Plan

 Explain the method that will be used to monitor the project's progress

EXAMPLE

"The CDL Coordinator will be assigned as the Project Manager (PM) to ensure that the projects are completed by the compliance dates. The project timeline and milestones will be monitored by holding at least monthly meetings with the project staff. PM will update timeline and milestones as the project progresses and provide to the FMCSA Division office. The project manager will be responsible for completing all quarterly reports timely and submitting to FMCSA."

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Project 1

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Objective 1

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Activity 1

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Activity

Conduct scenarios in test environment before going live

Activity

Update automated letters to be sent to downgraded drivers

b. SF-424A - Section A – Budget Summary shows the 85 percent Federal share, 15 percent non-Federal share, or the 100 percent Federal share, and the total cost per project. Section A must be completed.

c. Section B – Budget Categories captures total amount per object class categories, both federally funded and matching share, as applicable. In the column headings (1) through (4), enter the titles, that match narrative title, for each of the proposed projects. If five or more projects are proposed, download an additional SF-424A from Grants.gov. Please note, the SF-424A covers the life of the project costs, and not just the first year (as stipulated in the SF-424A instructions). Section B must be completed.

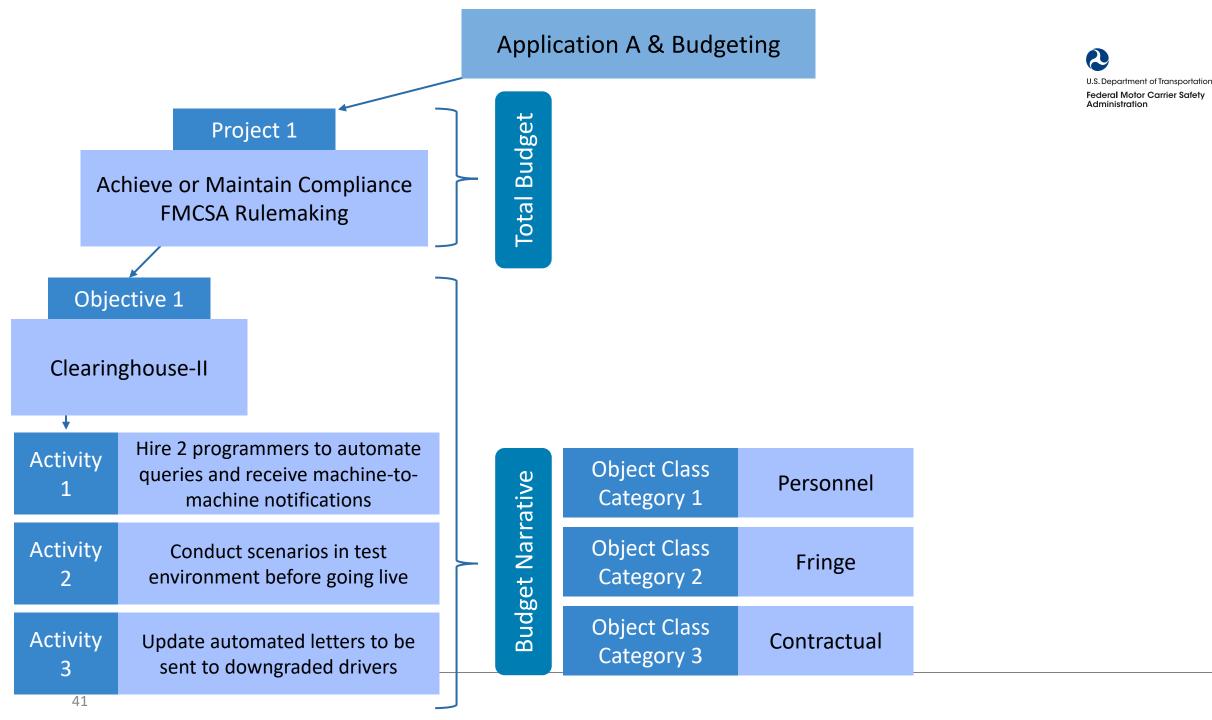
Budget Narrative

Budget

Total

Object Class Category 1	Personnel
Object Class Category 2	Fringe
Object Class Category 3	Contractual

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Project 1

Achieve or Maintain Compliance FMCSA Rulemaking

Objective 1

Clearinghouse-II

Activity 1

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Personnel Budget Narrative				
Position(s)	# <u>of</u> Staff	% <u>of</u> Time on Grant project	Annual Salaries	Total Cost
ITS 4	2	40%	\$80,000	\$64,000
Supervisor, Disqualification. Section	1	10%	\$80,000	\$8,000
CDL Helpdesk DL Specialists	5	25%	\$50,000	\$62,500
Sub-Total Personnel				\$134,500

Two ITS 4 programmers will be dedicated 40% of their time to programming for DACH compliance rule, which is estimated to be 1,664 hours in total (2080 annual work year hours x 40% of time x 2 personnel) with an annual salary average of \$80,000.

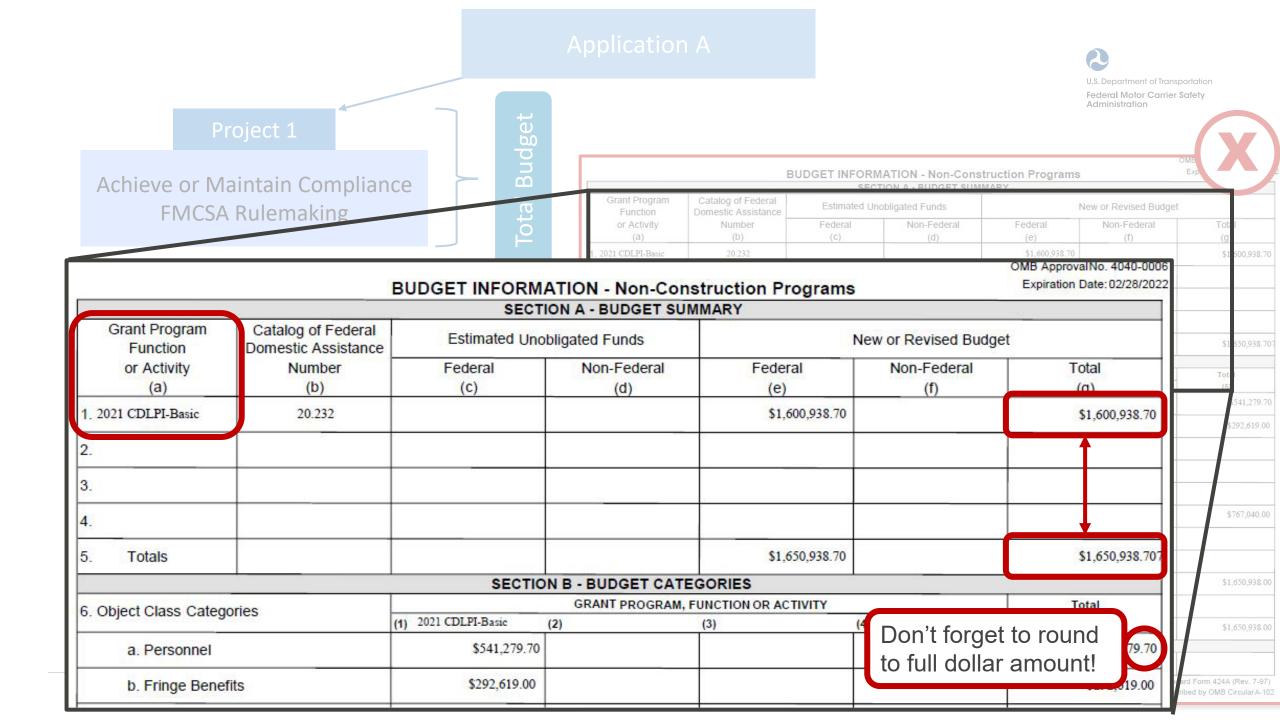
The supervisor of disqualification section will be testing the programming changes and estimates it will take 208 hrs. (2080 annual work hrs. x 10% x1) with an average annual salary of \$80,000.

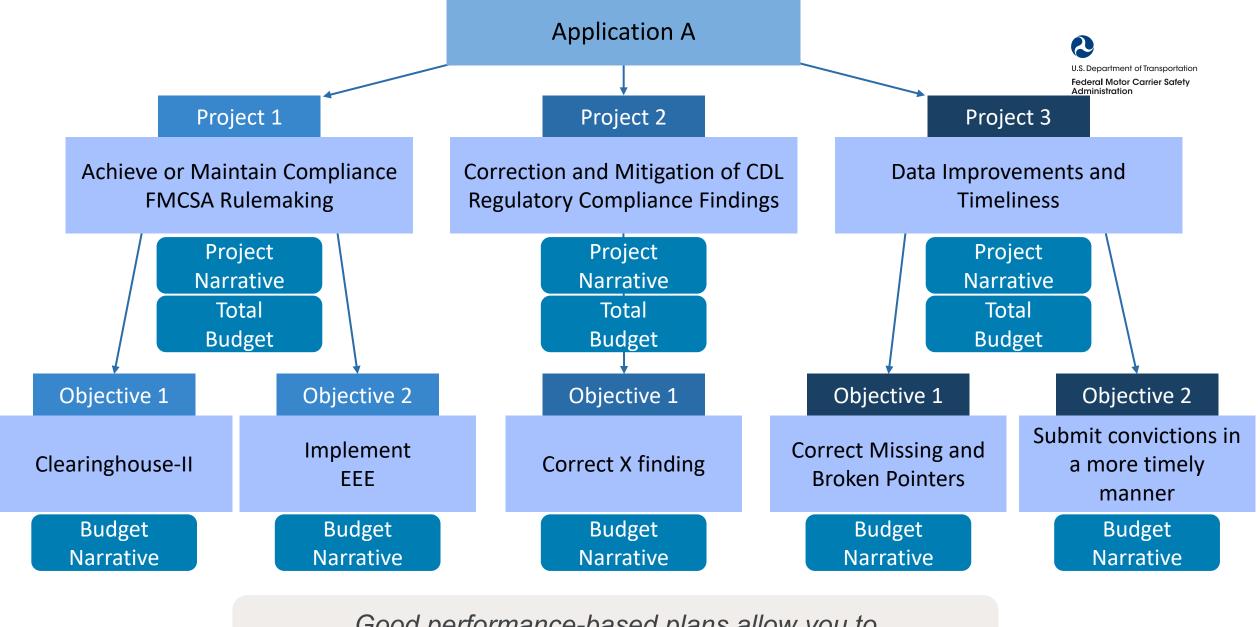
Five CDL Helpdesk personnel will be reviewing/updating letters notifying prohibited drivers of downgrades in support of the DACH rulemaking for the first year of implementation which is estimated to be 2600 hrs. (2080 annual work hrs. x 25% x5).

Budget Narrative

Object Class Category 1	Personnel
Object Class Category 2	Fringe
Object Class Category 3	Contractual

Remember, no cents!
Round to the
nearest dollar.





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FY 2025 CDLPI Grant Resources



- Grants Management Training
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/Grants/GrantManagement.aspx
- CDLPI Grant Resource Guide
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/downloadFile.axd?file=Grants_Management_CDLPI_Resource_20190628.pdf
- CDLPI Grant General Information
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/Grants/CDLPI.aspx
- CDLPI Grant Application Best Practices
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/downloadFile.axd/CDLPI_Best_Practices_20190628.pdf
- Tips for Completing Your CDLPI Grant Application
 - https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/downloadFile.axd?file=Tips-for-Completing-CDLPI-Grant-App_508.pdf

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