



Ventura County Transportation Commission

Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)

Incident Responder Grant Program Pre-Proposal Conference

August 3, 2021



SAFE & Motorist Aid

- California Legislature established Service Authorities for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) to encourage development of motorist aid system comprised of multiple service elements and infrastructure along the Freeway and Freeway System to enable motorists in need of assistance to obtain aid
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) serves as the SAFE for Ventura County
- Funding provided by a \$1 annual vehicle registration fee on all vehicles registered in Ventura County
- Ventura County SAFE programs include:
 - Roadside Emergency Call Boxes
 - Freeway Service Patrol
 - Advance Traveller Information System (SpeedInfo)
 - Incident Responder Grant Program



Incident Responder Grant Program

- Ventura County SAFE established Incident Responder Grant Program to provide funds to incident responders in Ventura County
- Provides grant assistance to local first responders for equipment related to motorist incidents
- Provide grant assistance only when the SAFE Fund Balance allows





Round 1 - Overview

- SAFE received five (5) grant application packages in August 2019 totaling \$905,519.62
- OCT 2019, Commission approved full funding for all applications



SAFE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Fillmore Fire Department

Item Description	Units	Total Cost	Application Total
Battery Operated Jaws Components	1	\$ 30,000.00	
LED Lighting System	1	\$ 10,000.00	
Traffic Control Devices		\$ 5,000.00	
Application Total			\$ 45,000.00

Oxnard Police Department

Item Description	Units	Total Cost	Application Total
Mobile Changeable Message Signs	2	\$ 50,000.00	
Application Total			\$ 50,000.00

Ventura Police Department

Item Description	Units	Total Cost	Application Total
Major Incident Response Vehicle	1	\$ 288,348.00	
Faro Laser Scanner	1	\$ 57,842.55	
Wanco sign Board	1	\$ 56,159.61	
Globug lighting	2	\$ 7,998.00	
Rubberneck Scene Barriers	3	\$ 15,836.46	
Traffic Control Devices		\$ 2,540.00	
Vericom Accelerometer	1	\$ 5,095.00	
Master Tool Kit	1	\$ 3,700.00	
Application Total			\$ 437,519.62

Ventura County Fire Protection District

Item Description	Units	Total Cost	Application Total
Opticon Signal preemption Moorpark/Simi	1	\$ 55,000.00	
Application Total			\$ 55,000.00

Ventura County Sheriff

Item Description	Units	Total Cost	Application Total
Opticon Signal Preemption	1	\$ 60,000.00	
Mobile Changeable Message Signs	6	\$ 160,000.00	
LED Lighting System	2	\$ 68,000.00	
Drones for mapping and photographic recording	6	\$ 30,000.00	
Application Total			\$ 318,000.00

Total			\$ 905,519.62
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Round 1 - Current Status

- Agencies must expend funds within two years of receipt of grant funds, with a one-year extension possible upon request
- As of August 2021, Oxnard Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Department, and Ventura County Fire Protection District grants have been fulfilled
- City of Ventura Police Department and Fillmore Fire Department grants are planned to be completed by the end of the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year





Incident Responder Grant Program: Example from Round 1

- The City of Ventura Police Department had the single largest application request at \$437,519.62
- Purchase major incident response vehicle to serve City of Ventura and West County through mutual aid



Round 2 Overview

- On July 9, 2021, Commission approved initiation of Round 2 to provide up to \$1,000,000 to agencies that respond to highway incidents within Ventura County
- Grants are for capital expenditures to assist first responders with highway emergency response
- Award range: \$5,000 and \$500,000

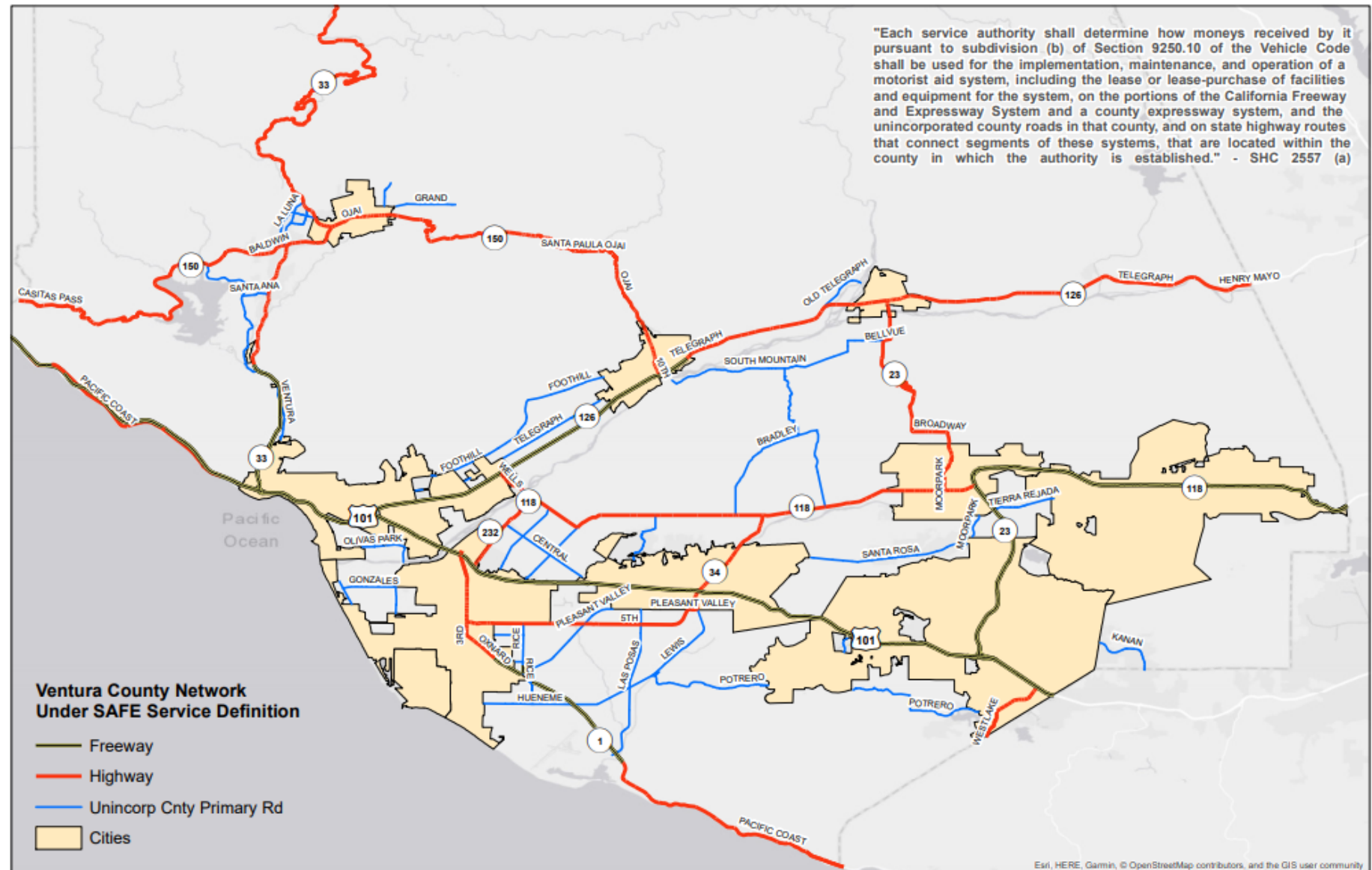




Eligible Recipients

- Government agencies, either singularly or in collaboration, that provide roadway incident response on the portions of the California Freeway and Expressway System, and the unincorporated county roads of that county, and on state highway routes that connect segments of these systems, which are located within Ventura County.







Eligible Expenditures

- Capital assets including computer hardware and software, and equipment used to clear, manage, analyze, and prevent roadway incidents on the SAFE roadways
- Grant funds may not be used for personnel costs or ongoing operational costs
- Capital assets must remain with the grant recipient for the reasonable life cycle of the asset (may not be sold, transferred, or assigned to other agencies or entities)





Application Format

- Please complete application form with signatures
- Attachments are allowed

Ventura County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) Incident Responder Grant Program Application Form			
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Minimum Grant Amount: \$5,000 - Maximum Grant Amount: \$500,000			
Date:		Amount of Request:	
Willing to accept partial grant: Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Multi Agency Application (please fill out Page 1 for each partner agency): <input type="checkbox"/>			
Agency Name:			
Agency Contact:			
Contact Title:			
Agency Street Address:			
City:		Zip Code:	
Telephone:		Email:	
Agency Type:			
Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>	Fire <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Explain:			
Jurisdictional Boundaries (mark all that apply):			
Camarillo <input type="checkbox"/>	Fillmore <input type="checkbox"/>	Moorpark <input type="checkbox"/>	Ojai <input type="checkbox"/>
Oxnard <input type="checkbox"/>	Port Hueneme <input type="checkbox"/>	Santa Paula <input type="checkbox"/>	Simi Valley <input type="checkbox"/>
Thousand Oaks <input type="checkbox"/>	Ventura <input type="checkbox"/>	County of Ventura <input type="checkbox"/>	Ventura County (countywide) <input type="checkbox"/>
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Explain:		

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Please answer the questions below with as much specificity as needed to fully answer the questions. If additional space is required, it is allowable to attached additional sheets to this application.	
1. What is your agency's role in responding to roadway incidents?	
2. Please describe the problem that your agency has identified concerning roadway incident response within your jurisdiction that would be improved by grant funding for capital assets.	
3. Please describe how grant funding would provide the solution that your agency is proposing to the problem identified above. Please include specific tasks, timelines, processes and possible collaboration with other agencies.	
4. Please describe your agency's capability to carry out the proposed solution described above.	

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Please answer the questions below with as much specificity as needed to fully answer the questions. If additional space is required it is allowable to attached additional sheets to this application.	
5. Please describe how other agencies might benefit from your agency's proposal.	
6. Please describe in detail how grant funds are proposed to be expended. Include a draft budget and timeline for expenditures.	
7. How will your agency measure the outcomes and impacts of that result from the capital asset funded with the Ventura County SAFE grant funds? If available, please share any evidence or research that supports your agency's proposal and expected outcomes.	
The representative below has read and agrees to the Ventura County SAFE guidelines and is authorized to submit grant applications and accept funds for the agency named above.	
Agency Director (please Print)	Agency Director Signature and Date
Agency Contact (if different)	Agency Contact Signature and Date



Application Process

- Four (4) hard copies, including one (1) original with wet signatures and three copies, plus one electronic copy of the application package
- All grant submittals must be delivered to:

Ventura County SAFE Grant Program
751 E. Daily Drive, Suite 420
Camarillo, CA 93010
- Proposals due **September 30, 2021 no later than 4:00 PM**
- Proposals received after the application deadline will not be considered



Application Review & Selection Process

- Scoring Committee comprised of one Ventura County SAFE staff member, two experts in incident response, and one local jurisdiction representative
- Applications scored and ranked according to selection criteria
- Final grant allocations are subject to approval by the SAFE Board

Incident Responder Grant Program Scoring Rubric			
Rating Factor	Point Range	Percent of Total Value	Maximum Points
1 Qualifications	1-5	20%	20
2 Project description, goals and objectives	1-5	25%	25
3 Collaboration	1-5	20%	20
4 Capability and Qualifications to provide services	1-5	15%	15
5 Proposal Budget: Cost effectiveness and budget review.	1-5	20%	20
Total		100%	100



Round 2 Application & Award Schedule

- **July 12 – 16, 2021** – Grant Information distributed
- **August 3, 2021 at 10:00 AM** - Informational meeting
- **September 30, 2021** – Proposals due no later than 4:00 PM
- **October 15, 2021** – Proposals scored
- **November 5, 2021** – Ventura County SAFE Board Grant consideration and approval
- Authorization to proceed and grant funds for approved grants will be distributed to grant recipients no later than 30 days after Board approval



QUESTIONS?

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