

AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT (ARLE) GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1. Who is eligible to apply?** *As indicated in 67 Pa.C.S. §233.5 (Application procedure), a sponsor shall submit a grant application for eligibility in ARLE Grant Program. Sponsors, as defined in 67 Po.C.S. §233.2 (Definitions), may include the following:*
 - *Local authorities (counties, municipalities, and other loco/ boards or bodies having authority to enact laws relating traffic)*
 - *Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)*
 - *Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs)*
 - *County planning organizations*
 - *Commonwealth agencies*
- 2. What types of projects are eligible under this program?** *The intent of this program is to fund worthwhile, relatively low- cost projects that improve the safety and mobility of the traveling public. The kinds of eligible projects vary widely from improvements to traffic signals, to roadway improvements at signalized intersections, to school zones, guiderail, and roadside safety. Improvements recommended by LTAP programs such as the Local Safe Roads Communities and Walkable Communities are also eligible. Check out this link for a list of eligible project types.*
- 3. Is there a local match requirement for the program?** *No, but cost sharing is encouraged. Keep in mind that if costs are shared, those partner funds must be available at the time the ARLE application is submitted.*
- 4. How much funding is available for the program?** *This varies year by year due to fines levied, but the program has provided between \$3 million and \$8.8 million each year.*
- 5. Are multi-municipal projects/applications accepted?** *Yes. Multi-municipal submissions are encouraged and will be given priority. A lead agency must be identified and resolutions from each of the participating municipalities giving authority to the lead agency must be submitted as part of the application.*
- 6. How many applications can I submit?** *The number of applications a sponsor may submit is not limited.*
- 7. Has PennDOT established funding priorities for the eligible projects?** *Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a positive impact on safety and mobility. Multi-municipal applications are encouraged and will be given priority.*

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8. What are the selection criteria? *The selection committee will evaluate applications based upon the following criteria:*

Grant Selection Criteria Description	Grant Selection Evaluation Questions
1. Project Benefits & Effectiveness	How does the project improve safety, enhance mobility, reduce congestion, and reduce greenhouse gases? (Higher score for the more benefits)
2. Project Cost	Is the request within the scope of available funds? Is the project cost effective?
3. Local and Regional Impact	How does this project support the regional transportation system? (Higher score for smart transportation)
4. Cost Sharing	Are there matching fund from other resources? (Higher score for matching funds)
5. Other Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your previous ARLE award completion status? • How will your proposed project consider all modes of travel? • Where is your project located on PennDOT's High Crash List? • What is the expected HSM Crash Reduction Factor?
6. Maintenance & Operations	Does Applicant's past and current Operations and Maintenance performance meet the Departments expectations?
7. Evaluation by Others	Does the proposed project meet goals and priorities of the District and Planning Partner?

9. Who reviews my application submission? *Grant applications are reviewed by a selection committee identified within Title 75 (Vehicle Code), Section 3116.. The Director of the Center for Program Development and Management, along with the Director of the Highway Safety and Traffic Operations Division of the Bureau of Maintenance and Operations will work with the ARLE Funding selection team to make awards as timely as possible.*

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

10. What attachments are required as part of the application submission? *The application is a three-page form, most of which describes the additional information that is to be included with the application form. Generally, requested attachments help the application review team to learn:*

- *Project justification*
- *Project location*
- *Anticipated project implementation schedule if grant is awarded*
- *Detailed cost estimate*
- *Any other documents or plans necessary to convey project intent*
- *Contact information*

11. Does PennDOT require an electronic submission of the application materials or is a hard-copy submission acceptable? *Applications should only be submitted electronically to the Department as indicated in the Pennsylvania Bulletin announcement (see <http://www.pabulletin.com/index.asp> for instructions). If a sponsor has difficulty submitting their application electronically, or needs assistance with the submittal process, please email ARLEGrants@pa.gov.*

2016 ARLE PROGRAM (YEAR 7):

- 1. How will the application process be advertised?** *A formal announcement will be placed in the Pennsylvania Bulletin (<http://www.pabulletin.com/index.asp>) and materials will be available on PennDOT's Traffic Signal Website (www.dot.state.pa.us/signals). Announcements will also be communicated through municipal organizations and PennDOT Municipal Services representatives.*
- 2. What is the anticipated application period?** *PennDOT anticipates that the application timeframe will begin June 1, 2017 and remain open until June 30, 2017.*
- 3. When will grant recipients be announced?** *The announcement of awards are expected by late summer or early fall.*
- 4. How will I know if my project was selected?** *Sponsors of selected projects are notified by letter, which includes follow-up instructions.*
- 5. How will I know if my project was not selected?** *Sponsors of projects that are not selected for a grant are also notified by letter.*

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- 6. When can sponsors start their project and how long does the sponsor have to complete the project?** *Projects can be initiated upon the finalization of an ARLE reimbursement agreement (required for grant award winners) with the Department. Projects must be completed within 3 years from the date of ARLE reimbursement agreement execution. All grant award work cannot be completed started until an ARLE reimbursement agreement is completed.*

- 7. What if my project won't be completed within 3 years?** *Grant awards will be canceled for projects that are not completed within 3 years, but the Department will communicate with sponsors during the project to try to avoid overextensions of scheduling limits.*

- 8. What if my project needs more funds?** *Additional funds will not be available for cost overruns.*

- 9. What are the procedures for project execution?** *All ARLE grant award projects are considered a local lead project; therefore a PennDOT ARLE Reimbursement Agreement is required. The PennDOT District Office will prepare the ARLE Reimbursement Agreement and assist the Local Project Sponsor with the execution process.*