The Foundation for the Future: NHTSA’s Grants Management Solutions Suite (GMSS)

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GMSS Overview

- The NHTSA Grants Management Solutions Suite, or GMSS, is a structured, modern and comprehensive grants management system.
  - Built off the Microsoft Dynamics 365 CRM Platform

- GMSS will streamline HSP and incentive grant applications and provide funds management tools.

- **GMSS will be the one-stop shop for all things NHTSA grants related!**
Benefits of GMSS

• **Eligibility status**
  – GMSS will house eligibility information in one easily accessible location and will tailor your application so don’t have to worry about entering extra information that’s not required for your eligibility status.

• **No more entering the same information twice**
  – Single data entry to reduce redundant input
    • Save and New
    • Ability to take HSP info and bring this over to 405 application records

• **Simplified data entry**
  – Narrative fields to easily cut and paste information, check boxes, hyperlinks, drop-downs and more.
Benefits of GMSS

• **Easily edit text**
  – Use the same text editing capabilities available in software like MS Word and Outlook, so bulleted lists, bolded text, font size choices, text editing, and spell-check will be available.
  – Copy and paste existing charts and graphs into GMSS.

• **Auto-populated information**
  – GMSS will pre-populate commonly entered information (e.g., program areas, countermeasure strategies).

• **Communication Tools**
  – GMSS offers one location to ask and respond to questions, by program area and keeps track of past communications (auto-email notifications)
Benefits of GMSS

- **Validation checks**
  - Provides alerts if any required fields are blank before submission or if dates fall outside allowable timeframes (e.g., 405b assessment dates and 405c TRCC meeting dates).

- **Immediate confirmation of NHTSA’s receipt of grant applications**
  - No more uncertainty about whether or not your grant application was successfully submitted. You can easily check to see that your application was submitted.

*Note: Multiple users can edit different sections simultaneously.*
Benefits of GMSS

• *Print friendly*
  – Easily print and share your HSP with non-NHTSA partners. GMSS will generate a state specific cover page and table of contents for your application.

• *Leverage existing work*
  – Once entered data can be easily updated. Create your FY20 HSP by building off what was already entered as part of your FY19 application and so on (save and new).

• *Records management*
  – Upload separate plans, e.g., impaired driving and traffic records strategic plans seamlessly. GMSS will archive past 402, 405 and 1906 submissions (version control).
GMSS Milestones

• Summer 2016
  – States uploaded FY17 HSP and incentive grant application submissions in PDF Form

• Summer 2017
  – States uploaded FY18 HSP and incentive grant application submissions in PDF Form

• Early 2018
  – Online HSP and incentive grant application submission (template)
GMSS Milestones

• 2018
  – NHTSA is working to set foundation of GMSS financials
  – Spending Plan
  – Available funds/spending alerts (e.g. unavailable funds)

• 2019
  – Entire voucher process from intake to transfer to Delphi
  – GTS data migration (previous fiscal years)
  – Year end Closeout

Note: GTS will run until GMSS is fully operational!
DEMONSTRATION
Financial Component of GMSS

- **Financial management tools:**
  - Examples include -- Allowing users to only select available funding sources, display available amounts, automatically calculate overall project match and local benefit, where applicable, notify States if grant funds are eligible to be flexed into 402 (e.g., distraction, GDL and motorcycle grants) and more.

- **Awards and notifications status**

- **Funds distribution**

- **Simplified vouchering**

- **Improved quality and timeliness of financial processing**

- **Reconciliation**

More details to come on GMSS replacing the Grants Tracking System (GTS). *Reminder: GTS will run until GMSS is fully operational.*
Feedback & Listening Session
NHTSA GMSS Help Desk

- GMSS has a devoted fulltime technical assistance support team to answer your system-related questions.

- If you have questions or comments please email the GMSS Help Desk at: NHTSA_GMSS_Support@dot.gov

- The standard GMSS Help Desk hours are:
  - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET
  - Monday through Friday except Federal holidays
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