

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES SNOWMOBILE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM: 2020-2021

Use these guidelines when considering whether a specific expense is eligible for reimbursement.

General:

All of the expenditures listed below must be directly related to the Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Program, and the work done by counties in ONLY this program area. When personnel or equipment costs are split between general law enforcement duties and snowmobile enforcement work, the percentage paid out of the snowmobile safety enforcement account may not exceed the percentage of time the individual or equipment is actually used for snowmobile safety enforcement. These funds are to be used only for enforcement activities above and beyond current levels of local law enforcement activities as stated in Laws of Minnesota 2019, 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 3, Subdivision 7, Paragraph (d).

Local Law Enforcement Agencies are urged to contact the Department of Natural Resources, Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant Administrator for a determination prior to any questionable expenditure. **All expenditures are subject to state audit. Be sure to keep accurate documentation and records of all expenditures.**

Personnel:

Salary costs for certification of staff to conduct the DNR youth training safety programs for snowmobiles, and the actual training conducted for the youth program.

Salary costs for attendance by county or local staff in a POST-approved training session conducted by DNR Enforcement Officers on snowmobile rules and enforcement techniques.

Salary costs for officers enforcing the snowmobile laws, rules, regulations and local ordinances.

Records or logs of time spent on the program are necessary to support these expenses and should be retained for not less than three years. If officer hours are a part of your reimbursement, please send **one** (1) example officer log for the time period for which reimbursement is being requested.

Staff salary and course fees for staff training and proficiency in proper riding techniques for safe use and operation of a snowmobile. This is a discretionary activity, based on local priority rather than state requirements.

Supplies and Expenses:

This includes personal riding equipment, fuel, oil, lubricants, repairs, rental/lease costs, travel costs, training expenses and expendable supplies.

Equipment:

This includes Snowmobiles, safety sleds, trailers, and other necessary items specifically related to this program. Equipment that is being used for general duties may be either charged to the snowmobile safety enforcement account according to percentage of use or by the cost per mile/hour of operation. Mileage logs showing dates, odometer readings and assignment are necessary to support all vehicle use and should be retained for not less than three years. If additional vehicles are needed, leases should be considered. Requests for equipment purchases are of low priority and should be limited to essential requests only. If you do purchase a snowmobile, and it is \$5,000 or more in total cost, please submit a copy of the purchase invoice.

All of the expenses incurred during the grant time period should be condensed into an Integrated Payment System Report, which you should be able to obtain from your county auditor or treasurer.

Other proposed expenditures which do not fit into one of these categories must have prior approval by the Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Enforcement Grant Administrator. Please contact LT Adam Block: (651) 259-5057.