

AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT (ARLE) GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

- 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 Pa.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 \$18 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.*
- 8. What are the selection criteria?** *The selection committee will evaluate applications based upon the following criteria:*

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Grant Selection Criteria Description	Grant Selection Questions
Sponsor's past maintenance and operation history	At what level does the applicant maintain and operate their existing traffic control devices? (Higher level of maintenance scores higher)
Project Benefits	How does the project improve safety, enhance mobility, reduce congestion, and reduce greenhouse gases? (Higher score for more benefits)
Project Cost	Is the request within the scope of available funds? Is the project cost-effective?
Previous grant project type results	Does the applicant have a successful track record of completing projects in an efficient and effective manner?
Previously completed projects by the sponsor	Did the applicant receive prior ARLE grant funds? (Higher score for not receiving funds previously.)
Cost sharing	Are there matching funds from other sources? (Higher score for matching funds.)
Origination of ARLE Funds	Did the funds originate from the municipality that is applying for the grant? (Higher score if ARLE funds originate from the municipality.)

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.*

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*

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assistance with the submittal process, please email ARLE@pa.gov.

12. **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*
13. **What is the anticipated application period?** *PennDOT anticipates that the application timeframe will begin June 1st and remain open until June 30th each year.*
14. **When will grant recipients be announced?** *The announcement of awards is expected in January of each year.*
15. **How will I know if I my project was selected?** *Sponsors of selected projects are notified by letter, which includes follow- up instructions.*
16. **How will I know if I my project was not selected?** *Sponsors of projects that are not selected for a grant are also notified by letter.*
17. **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. Grant award work cannot be started until an ARLE reimbursement agreement is completed.*
18. **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.*
19. **What if my project needs more funds?** *Additional funds will not be available for cost overruns.*
20. **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.*