



## **Increasing Capacity for Child Passenger Safety in Montana Funding Opportunity**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), Injury Prevention Program, is offering a reimbursement-based mini-grant opportunity to support the training and certification of Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) in selected Montana counties. Funding for this initiative comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is intended to increase local capacity to provide child passenger safety education and seat check services, as well as car seat distribution.

### Eligibility

This funding opportunity is open to anyone working on injury prevention in the local communities, including, but not limited to: EMS agencies, hospitals/healthcare centers, local health departments, non-profits organizations, prevention specialists, coalitions, etc.

- Only individuals may apply for the grant.
- Reimbursement may be issued either to the individual or their sponsoring agency/organization.
- Applicants must reside in one of the eligible counties listed below.

This opportunity is available only to residents of the following underserved counties:

Beaverhead, Big Horn, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Garfield, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Liberty, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Rosebud, Sanders, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux

### Award amount

This reimbursement grant supports expenses directly related to CPST certification training, including:

- National Safe Kids training course registration
- Mileage
- Lodging
- Per diem

Reimbursement rates will match the State of Montana Employee reimbursement rates found on the Department of Administration's website under "Travel Summary" - <https://doa.mt.gov/employee-travel>

To find eligible courses, go to the Safe Kids website: <https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech> or contact Tracie Kiesel at [tkiesel@helenaschools.org](mailto:tkiesel@helenaschools.org).

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### Use of Funds

Wages or staff time are not eligible for reimbursement.

Applicants must pay all costs up front.

There is no set maximum reimbursement amount; funding is awarded based on submitted receipts and documentation, and available program funds.

### Deadlines

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until program funds are exhausted.
- The grant period runs now through **July 31, 2026**.
- Applicants will be notified upon approval and must register for a CPST course within 2 weeks of receiving their award notice.
- Reimbursement requests, including proof of certification, must be submitted within 30 days of course completion.

We hope you will consider applying for this opportunity. For more information, please contact me [Rachel.fox@mt.gov](mailto:Rachel.fox@mt.gov) or (406) 444-4126.

Sincerely,

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