

### **Sec. 111.390. Driver Education Safety Trust Fund.**

(a) There is hereby created a trust fund to be known as the *Driver Education Safety Trust Fund (Fund)* established pursuant to the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act (F.S. § 318.1215). The Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Duval County, shall levy an additional \$3 with each civil traffic penalty issued in Duval County and deposit all monies collected into the Fund.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court will keep a record of monies collected under this Ordinance. On a monthly basis, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall forward all monies collected under this Ordinance in the previous month to the City for deposit into a special and separate account titled "Driver Education Safety Trust Fund".

(b) Monies deposited into the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund shall be used to financially assist driver education safety programs in public and nonpublic schools in Duval County. The funds shall be used for direct educational expenses and shall not be used for administration costs. For purposes hereof, the term "direct educational expenses" shall include, but is not limited to, the following types of expenses: motor vehicle, gas, motor vehicle maintenance, instructor salaries and license fees, driving simulators, required driving equipment, videos, compact discs and audio tapes, books and written materials, classroom supplies, motor vehicle insurance, motor vehicle licenses and tags, additional equipment required by the State, and any additional equipment required to accommodate the special needs population for driver education.

(c) Grant applicants shall apply for disbursement from the trust fund pursuant to the procedures set forth in Chapter 118, Ordinance Code. A Grant Program Administrator in the Department of Recreation and Community Services shall be designated by the Mayor. In order to receive funds from the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund, eligible grant applicants shall agree to comply with the applicable grant program procedures defined in Chapter 118, Ordinance Code.

(d) The funds shall be disbursed to the grantees on a quarterly basis. The Administration and Finance Department shall not disburse funds that have not been budgeted, nor shall disbursement exceed available cash in the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund. Monies that have not been disbursed at the end of each fiscal year shall be retained for in the trust fund for disbursement in the following fiscal year.

(e) Grant funds will be allocated annually to public and nonpublic schools based on the calculation of the total number of students enrolled in grades 9-12 on the twentieth school day of the immediately preceding school year in each approved application divided by the total number of students in all schools receiving grant funds.

Upon receipt of the grant application and evaluation of the above listed information, the Department of Recreation and Community Services shall allocate a proportionate share of the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund revenues to public and nonpublic school grant applicants.

(f) All public and nonpublic schools with students in grades 9-12 that offer driver education instruction programs are eligible to apply for a grant under this Ordinance.

(g) In order to maintain eligibility for grant funding, grant applicants must employ teachers that have received all relevant State certifications and that have passed applicable criminal background checks. Additional criteria that may be considered as a basis for grant selection include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) The number of years the grant applicant has administered a driver education program;

(2) The number of students who have successfully completed the grant applicant's driver education program in the last year of operation;

(3) The extent to which the grant applicant's curriculum meets all applicable local, State and federal guidelines for driver education program.

Final approval of grant awards shall be made by the Council upon recommendation by the Mayor.

