



To: Orange County Safe Communities Partners
From: Orange County Safe Communities Mini-grant Committee
Subject: Reopening of RFP for Current Grant Cycle
Date: July 13, 2006

Orange County Safe Communities is pleased to announce an award of \$1065 to the Hillsborough Exchange Club Family Center to support expansion of their Child Identification Program to southern Orange County. This is the first award of its kind provided by Safe Communities as part of our new mini-grant program.

To encourage more participation from our new, existing, and potential partners, **we have reopened our request for proposals for this grant cycle. Proposals are due October 1, 2006**. Please consider submitting an application to fund an injury prevention project. While all proposals are welcome, we especially encourage those of you who have never filled out a grant application to participate.

To get you excited and thinking about possibilities, we have listed a few project ideas:

- Improve the linguistic accessibility of car seat checkup stations by funding a professional Spanish/English interpreter to work at your weekly car seat checkup stations and sponsor him/her to attend a 2 day Child Passenger Safety class to become familiar with terminology.
- Expand your organization's ability to provide transportation to families with children under 8 by purchasing car seats (convertible and boosters) for use in your existing organizational van or car.
- Upgrade your organization's playground safety equipment.
- Hold a water safety event at your pool.
- Sponsor key members of your organization to get trained in CPR and First Aid (Note: Do not request to fund trainings that are already a staff requirement).

Add your own creative ideas! Visit www.safeorange.org and click on "Downloads" to access the OCSC mini-grant guidelines and application. You may also contact Eric Griffin with Orange County Emergency Management/Safe Communities Coordinator for more information via email at egriffin@co.orange.nc.us.