

State Damage Prevention (SDP) Program Grants – FY2020
Final Progress Report
(09/28/2020 – 09/27/2021)
CFDA Number: 20.720

Award Number: 693JK32040001PSDP

Project Title: State Damage Prevention (SDP) Program Grants - FY2020

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Cover one full-time enforcement position (Element 7 Priority 1).

Workscope

Under the terms of this grant agreement, the Recipient will address the following applicable elements listed in the approved application, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60134 (a), (b).

Element 7 (Fair and Consistent Enforcement of the Law): Enforcement of state damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education, and the use of civil penalties for violations assessable by the appropriate state authority. **(Applicable)**

Accomplishments for this period (Item 1 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report: “A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.”)

A fulltime person was hired for the enforcement of Arizona's damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education, and the use of civil penalties for violation, which s is the responsibility of AZOPS.

Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report: “Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.”)

During the grant period of September 28, 2020 thru September 27, 2021, some restrictions to conduct investigations were in effect, however, AZOPS AZ811 Inspector performed 158 damage prevention inspections resulting in a total of \$22,500 in fines collected. Violations may include mandatory training using our interactive DVD and online training, if it is determined by the investigator that an excavator's/operator's lack of knowledge of the Arizona Underground Facilities Law contributed to the violation/damages. This resulted in 52 excavators and contractors receiving mandatory training.

Additionally, due to COVID-19 and large group restrictions, the AZOPS in cooperation with the AZ811 Center held 12 virtual Statewide Damage Prevention Seminars connecting with 493 attendees to provide additional training as well as assisting the AZOPS in getting our message out to dig and operate safely.

**Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report:
“The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not.)**

No issues, problems, or challenges to report.

Final Financial Status Report

The final financial report has been sent as a separate attachment.

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

N/A