

City of Tigard



The City of Tigard is a recipient of a 2009 Bicycle Safety Mini Grant. Their project is titled the Tigard Bicycle Safety Initiative. The goal of this project is to host bicycle safety education and inspections within the six affordable housing complexes in the City of Tigard. To accomplish this task the city has partnered with Tigard Police Department Bicycle Safety Unit and the Washington County Bicycle

Transportation Coalition.

At each of the locations trained coalition volunteers will check bicycles for safety, fit helmets, and teach bike maintenance. Police officers inform participants on the rules of the road and offer tips on how to stay safe when riding. Lights and cable locks are also distributed to participants to help them have a safe riding experience.

This project is just one example of a successful Mini Grant project. Applications for 2010 Bicycle Safety Mini Grants are due September 11, 2009. If you would like assistance with project development or have any questions please contact [Kate Murphy](#), 503-643-5620, 800-772-1315.

Independence, Oregon



On June 17th the Independence Police Department hosted a bicycle helmet day for low-income children. According to Carl Nightengale, Traffic Safety Technician, the event was very successful. Volunteers distributed all available helmets.

Thanks are extended to Rachael Graham, of Eckmans's State Farm Insurance Company in Monmouth. Rachael and Police Department employee Andrea Cogburn worked tirelessly throughout the event fitting helmets.

Thanks also go out to the Dallas Wal-Mart store.

The second helmet distribution event was held at National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 4th, in Riverside Park.

Officers of the police department also carry bicycle helmets in their patrol vehicles, which are given to children in violation of helmet laws with a warning rather than a citation.

The Police Department's traffic safety program charges a sustainability fee of \$1.00 per helmet, which helps them purchase more helmets.

This helmet distribution project is funded by a Building Safer Communities Mini Grant. Applications for 2010 Mini Grants are now available at the ACTS Oregon website and are due September 11, 2009. If you have any questions about the program please contact [Kate Murphy](#), 503-643-5620, 800-772-1315.