

Safety Intervention Grant Program

Why you should apply for SafetyGrants

If you are an employer wanting to buy equipment to improve workplace safety, you have a partner in BWC. Our Safety Intervention Grant Program (SIG) provides financial assistance to help you achieve your safety goals. We developed the SIG to help Ohio's employers reduce the frequency and severity of workplace injuries and illnesses.

The program partners with Ohio employers to establish safety-intervention best practices for accident and injury prevention. On the Safety Grant Best Practices Web page, you can search for best practices by risk factor, industry and keyword. For more information, visit www.bwc.ohio.gov.

Grant funds

Qualified employers may receive a 3-to-1 matching grant, up to a maximum of \$40,000 per eligibility cycle. This means BWC provides \$3 for every \$1 the employer contributes.

Grant eligibility

To be eligible to receive a SIG, you must:

- o Be a state-fund or public taxing district employer;
- o Maintain active coverage;
- o Be current on all monies owed to BWC;
- o Demonstrate the need for a safety intervention;
- o Provide two year baseline data as requested in application;
- o Have active BWC coverage with past payroll reports (four if a private employer, two if a public employer) for the purpose of defining employer eligibility cycle.

BWC determines the eligibility cycle by review of the last full policy year for which payroll information is available.

Total payroll reported for last two payroll periods	Eligibility cycle
Greater than \$10,000,000	Three years
Greater than \$5,000,000 and Less than \$10,000,000	Five years
Greater than \$1,000,000 and Less than \$5,000,000	Seven years
Less than \$1,000,000	10 years

For private employers, the policy year is July 1 through June 30. For public employers, the policy year is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Application process

Process

1. Gather information for application
2. Schedule BWC safety consultant visit
3. Complete application
4. Grant application reviewed
5. Grant approved
6. Funds distributed
7. Safety intervention purchased and installed
8. Submit proof of spending
9. Provide quarterly reports
10. Submit one-year case study

Process notes

BWC will distribute grant funds within four to six weeks of grant review and approval.

You must make your approved purchase within three months of the date on the grant check and submit receipt documentation within 30 days to BWC.

Recipients agree to share results of their safety intervention grant benefits. This allows BWC to communicate safety intervention results with other employers and/or research organizations in the form of Best Practices.

Additional information

Safety intervention grant information is available at www.bwc.ohio.gov under Safety Services. Best practices, case studies and success story videos are available on the Safety Grant Best Practices page.

You can reach BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene by:

- o Calling 1-800-644-6292;
- o Sending a fax to 614-365-4974;
- o Visiting www.bwc.ohio.gov;
- o Sending an e-mail to DSHSG@bwc.state.oh.us.