

Applying for a safety grant

To be considered for a safety grant, a grant application must be completed and signed, with all required attachments included, and the applicant must be financially able to complete the project. Applications are accepted continuously and are reviewed every two months.

Grant monies may be used for:

- all or part of the cost of purchasing and installing recommended safety equipment;
- the cost of operating or maintaining such equipment;
- the cost of property, if the property is necessary to meet safety inspection recommendations;
- the cost of training tied to equipment; and
- tuition reimbursement.

The recipient has 120 days from the date of the last contract signature to complete the project.

The application and further information about the Safety Grants Program are available at www.dli.mn.gov.

For an alternative format (audio, Braille, large print) call 651-284-5060 or 800-342-5354.



Free assistance for small businesses

Workplace Safety Consultation (WSC) provides free voluntary and confidential workplace safety and health assistance to Minnesota businesses, with a priority for small businesses.

WSC provides a wide variety of free services, including on-site consultation, training, education and outreach in general industry and in construction settings. Services are provided by safety and health experts who are highly qualified occupational safety and health professionals.

WSC is the consultation arm of Minnesota OSHA, yet its services are completely separate from MNOSHA Compliance. No citations or fines are issued, provided the employer agrees to correct all serious hazards identified by Workplace Safety Consultation.

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SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM





About the Safety Grant Program

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry created a program in 1993, designed to assist employers in making their workplaces safer and healthier.

The Safety Grants Program awards funds, with a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$10,000, to qualifying employers for projects designed to reduce the risk of injury or illness to their employees.

To qualify, employers must:

- have current workers' compensation insurance (including the Assigned Risk Plan or approved self-insured employer);
- be an employer with at least one employee;
- have an on-site safety survey conducted by Minnesota OSHA or another approved entity listed within the application; and
- have on-site safety survey results that recommend specific equipment or practices that will reduce the risk of injury or illness to employees.

Priority

Grants will be prioritized and awarded based on need, desirability and the following priorities.

1. Projects at a location where a significant proportion of jobs are in goods producing, manufacturing or processing.
2. Worksites that are included in Minnesota OSHA's strategic plan.
3. Projects at a location where jobs have been lost or are in jeopardy because of problems relating to safety shortcomings that will be addressed by the project.
4. Other projects meeting criteria specified elsewhere.

Other terms

- An employer that has received a grant for a particular worksite will not be eligible to receive another grant for that worksite during the two years after the date of the award.
- Whether your grant application is approved or not, in no way diminishes, delays or absolves you of any obligation to abate hazards as required by law. No state funds will be distributed until all grant documents are signed by all parties; funds expended before that must not rely on grant approval.

Criteria

The commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry shall award grants based on the following criteria.

- The project is feasible and consistent with the recommendations resulting from the on-site safety survey.
- The employer has the experience and knowledge to complete the project and is committed to its implementation.
- The project will reduce the risk of injury or illness to employees.
- The employer has sufficient funds to cover all estimated project costs.
- The project is supported by all public entities involved and complies with federal, state and local regulations.

The Safety Grant Program is authorized by Minnesota Statutes § 79.253 and is governed by Minnesota Rules, Parts 5203.0010 through 5203.0070. Copies of these laws are available for review at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. They are also available on the Office of the Revisor of Statutes website at www.revisor.mn.gov.

