

Safety Grants: What's new and why you should apply

More money, more options

A dollar spent on improving workplace safety results in \$3 savings in accident and injury costs. More importantly, investments in safety mean Ohio workers are less likely to be injured and more likely to return home safely each day to their family, their friends, and their community. That's why BWC's Billion Back plan includes a funding increase for the safety grant programs from \$5 million to \$15 million.

The Safety Intervention Grant Program partners with Ohio employers to establish safety-intervention best practices for accident and injury prevention. Qualified employers* may receive a matching grant up to a maximum of \$40,000 to help achieve safety goals while reducing the frequency and severity of workplace injuries and illnesses.

In addition to increased funding, several changes to the Safety Intervention Grant program became effective July 1:

- BWC is matching every dollar an employer contributes with three dollars. Previously, the matching amount was 2-to-1.
- Some safety interventions on our moratorium list for the SIG were restored.
- Employers are eligible to receive a maximum of \$40,000 each grant eligibility cycle.
- The life-time \$40,000 grant award per policy has been removed.

If you are an employer interested in purchasing equipment to improve workplace safety, you have a partner in BWC. Learn more about the Safety Intervention Grant Program, and apply online at ohiobwc.com. The [Safety Grant Best Practices Web page](#) also allows you to search for best practices by risk factor, industry and keyword.

Learn more about all BWC services and programs that promote workplace safety and encourage investments in protecting Ohio's workers by contacting the Division of Safety & Hygiene:

- Call 1-800-644-6292;
- Visit ohiobwc.com;
- Send an e-mail to DSHSG@bwc.state.oh.us

**Eligible employers must pay into the State Insurance Fund, maintain active coverage and be current on money owed to BWC. They must also demonstrate the need for a safety intervention.*