

Safety Grant Programs

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Agenda

- Safety Intervention Grant (SIG) Program Overview
- Specialty Safety Grant Programs

Safety Intervention Grant (SIG) Overview

- Offers a 3-to-1 match, up to \$40,000
- State-fund employers
- Meet w/ BWC safety representative
- Worker safety improvements
- Go on-line to see further details and start an application
<https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/for-employers/safety-and-training/safety-grants/safety-intervention-grant>

SIG Recent Changes

- Reduced the requirement for being in business from two years to one year.
- Changed eligibility cycle to three years for all eligible employers.
- Limited reporting requirements to a one-year report/case study.
- Added the program to the new grant management portal for a better customer experience.

Employer require- ments

- Complete one-year case study
- Allow BWC to visit on-site
- Allow BWC to publish results
- No retroactive purchases

What can be applied for?

- Engineering controls/equipment that significantly reduces or eliminates occupational risk factors for specific task(s)
- Examples:
 - Patient lifting devices
 - Scissor lifts
 - Snow removal equipment
 - Flooring to prevent falls

What can't be applied for?

- Personal protective equipment
- Property improvements
- Minimum OSHA compliance
- Training

For more info see

<https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/for-employers/safety-and-training/safety-grants/sig-unapproved-list>

Steps to apply

- Go to our SIG webpage and review the information
- Start an application
- Contact BWC to schedule a safety representative visit
- Complete application on-line, including agreement signature.
- BWC will review applications in the order in which submitted.

Specialty Safety Grant/BWC Grant Programs

- Employers Working with Persons with Developmental Disabilities (Ends 6/28/23)
(\$20,000 lifetime max)
 - Utilize Safety Intervention Grant instead, when applicable. \$40,000 every three years.
- Workplace Wellness (Ends 6/28/23)
 - Utilize Better You, Better Ohio Health and Wellness Program instead, when applicable.
- Substance Use Recovery
- Transitional Work

Grant Management Portal

- Improved customer experience.
One place for applications and reporting requirements.

Application screen – Grant management portal

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open, including 'myOhio ha...', 'SearchOrg', 'Find Quali...', 'Browse Rec...', 'SSO Logou...', 'My Worksp...', 'Secure acco...', and 'Grants'. The address bar displays the URL: <https://ohio-bwc--tst2.custhelp.com/app/account/grants/new-grant-application>. The browser's address bar also shows several search suggestions: 'Review Suppliers', 'Extension Request', 'progress look-up', 'Workplace Habits [...]', 'Introduction | Prot...', 'MyOhio', 'The Hub - Home', 'Firefighter Exposur...', and 'WebMail'.

The main content area is titled 'intervention' and features a 'Proposed intervention' section. This section contains a form with the following fields:

- ID:** A dropdown menu with the selected option 'Other'.
- 1. What is the item you intend to purchase:** A text input field with a cursor.
- 2. Describe the equipment:** A text input field containing the text 'Auto-lifting patients'.
- 3. Describe how the employees will use the equipment to perform the tasks:** A text input field containing the text 'use to lift patients'.
- 4. Provide justification for the quantity of items being applied for. Requested equipment must be used**

The left sidebar of the application shows a navigation menu with the following items: 'HOME', 'MY ACCESS REQUESTS', 'GRANT APPLICATION', 'FINANCIALS', 'NOTIFICATIONS', 'SUPPORT', and 'FAQS'. The top right corner of the application shows a user profile icon and the name 'Bran Broo'.

Questions

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