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What Every OPRA Member
Should Take Advantage of....
BWC Safety Grants

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Why safety?

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- Less injuries
- Lower premiums
- Save time
- Happy workforce

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Safety intervention grants

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- Purchase ergonomic, safety, and/or industrial hygiene equipment
- Reduce or eliminate injuries and illnesses
- Reduce the frequency and severity
- Collect data to share with others best practices

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Grant funds

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- 3-to-1 matching grant
- Maximum of \$40,000 per eligibility cycle
- \$15m budget – currently \$7,890,494 paid out
- BWC has approved 289 of 344 applications

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Eligibility cycle table

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Total payroll reported for last two payroll periods	Eligibility cycle
Greater than \$10,000,000	Three (3) years
Between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000	Five (5) years
Between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000	Seven (7) years
Less than \$1,000,000	Ten (10) years

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Eligibility

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- Be a state-fund employer
- Maintain active coverage
- Current on all monies owed BWC
- Demonstrate the need for safety intervention.
- Provide two-year baseline data
- Establish payroll periods (four if a private employer, two if a public employer) for the purpose of defining employer eligibility cycle.

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What cannot be applied for? compmanagement
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- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Routine equipment replacement
- Property Improvements
- Minimum OSHA compliance
- Training
- Moratorium items:
<https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/employer/programs/safety/EmpGrants.asp>

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Ideas for utilizing safety grant funding..... compmanagement
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- Patient lifts
- Bath systems
- Spring loaded laundry bins
- Electrically operated beds
- Vehicle Lifts

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Items now eligible for safety grant funding.... compmanagement
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- **Bathing systems:** typically used in healthcare to provide height adjustment or easier entry.
- **Beds:** powered height adjustable beds, including electric powered.
- **Carts:** wheeled pushcarts, etc. used to transport material.
- **Ceiling lifts:** patient lifting devices mounted to the ceiling.
- **Floor-based patient-lifting devices:** patient lifting devices that are portable and moved on the floor.
- **Liftgates:** platforms, etc. attached to trucks/vehicles that can raise and lower material from the ground to the vehicle.

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Items now eligible (continued)....

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- **Patient bathing and toileting chairs:** devices that can be pushed into a shower and/or over a toilet.
- **Powered dolly equipment:** any dolly equipment that can mechanically climb or descend on stairs.
- **Stairchairs:** *portable* equipment used to make it easier to move people up/down stairs.
- **Vehicle lifts:** lifts used to perform work on vehicles such as trucks, cars, tractors, etc

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If interested in moving forward

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- Set up meeting with field supervisors
- Create wish list
- Meet with BWC safety rep

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Employer requirements

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- Meet with BWC safety rep
- Complete application
- BWC reviews application and approves
- Purchase equipment upon approval
- Submit receipt documentation
- Complete quarterly reports
- Complete 1 year annual case study
- Allow BWC to visit on-site
- Allow BWC to publish results
- No job elimination

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Questions?

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