



2008 Safety Program Grant Competition

- Member submits a proposal for an innovative safety program. The proposal can be submitted in any format including the “Safety Program Proposal for Grant Consideration”. The proposal does not have to follow a formal format or structure but should include all pertinent details. Participants may collaborate in submitting joint proposals.
- The WASBIP Safety Plan Grant Committee will review proposals and make recommendations to the WASBIP Trustees who will make the final decision. If accepted by the WASBIP, the member will receive a grant payment.
- The maximum grant for any one district is \$5,000.
- The Committee will consider various factors including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Innovative concept or manner of implementation
 - Availability and usefulness of program to other districts
 - Potential effectiveness in improving safety
 - Number of submissions
 - Timing of submissions

All decisions are final and no appeal process will be available.

- The Committee encourages proposals for innovative safety programs or innovative ways to implement existing plans in areas including, but not limited to:
 - new ways of controlling slip and fall incidents
 - new or unique ways of controlling manual material handling incidents
 - special education exposures
- The intent of the Safety Program Grant is **not** to reimburse Plan members for safety related equipment purchases such as surveillance systems, etc. The Committee is primarily looking for an **innovative** safety program, particularly if it is something that other Plan members are not aware of and could be helpful to them. Sometimes new ideas need seed money.
- The winners are expected to allow details of the program to be disseminated to others, by your district or others, in a variety of ways including, but not limited to: the WASB Insurance Plan web site; presentation at WASB conferences, mailings, etc.
- Deadline for submission: End of your applicable policy year. For example, if your district workers compensation policy renews July 1, 2008, then submission is due prior to July 1, 2009. Note: In order to receive a grant, your district must have its workers compensation coverage with the WASB Insurance Plan at submission time and at the time the grant is awarded. We encourage submissions prior to October 1, 2008. The Committee would anticipate that initial grants will be awarded in late November, 2008.