



# School Safety and Security Grant Program

***A grant program to help ensure the safety of preschool through 12th grade schools***

We provide the School Safety and Security Grant (SSSG) Program to help Ohio employers ensure the safety of their staff when carrying out the instructional services they provide to children. The program is for eligible Ohio employers who wish to purchase equipment to substantially improve the safety and security of facilities and to reduce or eliminate injuries or illnesses associated with providing educational services to children.

The SSSG Program is available only to Ohio employers that operate licensed preschool through 12th grade educational facilities.

Employers may receive **up to \$40,000** for the duration of the SSSG Program. This is a **3-to-1 matching grant**, which means employers receive \$3 for every \$1 they contribute. You can review eligibility criteria and more details on the back of this fact sheet. Below are items eligible for grant funding.

## Employee safety interventions

- Flooring/floor coating that reduces slip hazards
- Lightweight lunch tables to reduce lifting and handling hazards
- Motorized bleacher systems
- Safe food fryers
- Cutting/slicing equipment
- Floor-cleaning machines

## Incident response equipment

- Equipment bags/backpacks stocked with trauma first-aid supplies
- Two-way communication devices and software designed to directly interface with emergency-response radio systems
- School-wide panic button and alarm systems

## Building, grounds, transportation security

- Security doors and mechanisms (e.g., panic bars or other fire code compliant door-locking mechanisms, bullet-proof glass, or bullet-resistant coatings for existing glass)
- Vehicle crash barriers near entrances
- Modifications of building/facility entrances to restrict access
- Secured keycard systems
- Metal detectors (fixed or portable)
- Security cameras
- Emergency (police dispatch) call poles



Manual Bleacher



Motorized Bleacher

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## Who's eligible?

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria at the time of application:

- Be an Ohio BWC state-fund private or public employer taxing district.
- Be a licensed preschool through 12th grade educational organization/ agency that provides direct instructional services to children. You must provide information in the application that clearly describes the services you provide to this population. Eligible employers (among others) include:
  - County boards of developmental disabilities.
  - Educational service centers.
  - Public school districts, including charter schools.
  - Private schools, including licensed pre-K schools.
  - **Note:** Public and private colleges and universities are not eligible for this grant.

## In addition, you must:

- Have active Ohio workers' compensation coverage, and maintain continuous active coverage while participating in the program.
- Not have more than 40 days of cumulative lapses in workers' compensation coverage within the prior 12 months.
- Be current with respect to all payments due to the BWC as defined in Ohio Administrative Code 4123-17-14.
- Have been in existence for at least two years.
- Have reported payroll for at least one full policy year.
- Timely report actual payroll for the preceding policy year and pay any premium due upon reconciliation of estimated premium and actual premium. We'll deem an employer to have met this requirement if we receive the payroll true-up report and any associated premium before the expiration of any grace period.

Unless otherwise specified here, all application requirements, eligibility, participation criteria, reporting and procedures stated for our Safety Intervention Grants Program apply to applicants and participants of the SSSG Program.

## How to apply

1. Determine your eligibility using the criteria listed to the left.
2. Make sure your safety improvement qualifies using the list on the front of this handout. Only listed items are eligible for grant funding.
3. Obtain price quote(s) from equipment vendor.
4. Submit a grant application found on the Safety & Training section of our website, [www.bwc.ohio.gov](http://www.bwc.ohio.gov).

## Contact us

If you have questions about the program or need help applying, call us at 1-800-644-6292, or send an email to [dshsg@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:dshsg@bwc.state.oh.us).