

The Department of Labor and Industries is opening a new round of applications for SHIP grants. Deadline for applications is January 31, 2025.

The Department of Labor and Industries' Safety and Health Investment Projects (SHIP) Program funds projects that seek to:

- Prevent workplace injury, illness, and fatality in Washington workplaces through cooperation of employers and employees or their representatives
- Reduce the cycle of disability for injured workers in Washington State through the development and implementation of innovative and effective return to work programs

To date the program has funded 130+ grant projects. The materials and products developed through completed grant projects are available through the SHIP Program and on the L&I/DOSH web site.

This Request For Proposals (RFP) is focused on the Special Emphasis topic and funding priority will be provided to those proposals that addressing the priority topic.

Special Emphasis Topic (Priority)

SHIP is seeking proposals that endeavor to reduce or eliminate workplace hazards that result from manual materials handling: lifting, pushing, pulling, carrying, sorting and stacking.

Projects should:

- Eliminate or reduce exposure to the physical tasks outlined above;
- Assure the prevention intervention does not create other risks to workers;
- Involve employees, with experience, competent on these tasks; and
- Assure that mitigation efforts do not reduce or eliminate jobs.

Other topics

- Grants that effectively build occupational safety and health capacity within businesses and industries.

- Grants addressing emerging issues in occupational safety and health and those with a significant impact on occupational safety and health
- Grants that address occupational safety and health needs of our multicultural worker populations
- Grants that bring together two or more organizations working in collaboration\partnership to address common occupational safety and health hazards present across multiple industries and work groups.
- Grant requests for projects that address the prevention of:

The **following** injuries and illnesses:

- Work-related musculoskeletal disorders
- Falls (from elevation or on same level)
- Struck (by or against object or equipment)
- Overexertion
- Workplace violence

Within the following industries:

- 238 Specialty Trade Contractors
- 236 Construction Of Buildings
- 484 Truck Transportation
- 623 Nursing And Residential Care Facilities
- 321 Wood Product Manufacturing
- 237 Heavy And Civil Engineering Construction
- 622 Hospitals
- 811 Repair And Maintenance
- 922 Justice, Public Order, And Safety Activities

- Grants in any of the above areas that specifically support the needs of small businesses in Washington State.

The following criteria will apply to all Safety and Health SHIP grant applications.

- Grant requests for this round will not exceed \$175,000.
- Grants approved for this cycle should expect to receive grant funds and start work beginning around May '25/June '25.
- Duration for projects approved for this cycle should not exceed 12 months.
- All grantees must assure products and materials developed with SHIP grant funds are ADA accessible prior to finalizing project.
 - Washington State Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) Policy 1.88 requires that all state agencies (including L&I) ensure that people with disabilities have access to information and provide access to the same services and content that is available to persons without disabilities. This policy requires L&I to ensure electronic content published on our website, including any products produced with SHIP Grant funds, meets Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 A and AA Specifications. See “[Introduction to Accessibility](#)”
- Successful applicants will be required to attend a grantee orientation in the Tumwater SHIP program

office (or via Zoom) to receive specific guidance and information about managing their SHIP grant experience.

- Products developed towards an electronic platform delivery is preferred, if appropriate, for the audience.
- Eligibility requirements for SHIP grants are listed on the application form and in WAC 296-900-175.

Grant applications can be found at [Safety and Health Investment Projects \(SHIP\) Grant Program](#) or by calling 360.902.5588.