



*Hometown services. Hometown strengths.
Hometown solutions.*

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SAFETY GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

A photograph of a spiral-bound notebook with a striped cover, lying on a wooden surface. The words 'GRANT FUNDING' are written in large, bold, black, uppercase letters on the notebook's pages. A pair of glasses and a pen are also visible on the desk.

GRANT FUNDING

Quick reference guide for municipal and small community utilities

What are safety grants?

Safety grants help communities reduce workplace hazards, improve employee safety, and strengthen compliance with safety standards. Funding is typically used for practical, risk reduction projects rather than ongoing operations.

Primary safety grant resource for municipal utilities

MNOSHA Workplace Safety Grant Program administered by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

This program supports projects that:

- Identify or reduce documented workplace hazards
- Improve employee safety through equipment purchases, facility improvements, or targeted safety initiatives
- Are tied to demonstrated safety needs within the organization

Eligibility, funding limits, and timelines are set by MNOSHA and may vary by year.

Commonly funded safety projects

Examples of projects communities have pursued include:

- Safety equipment and tools (PPE, monitoring devices, safety upgrades)
- Facility or infrastructure improvements related to safety and emergency preparedness
- Projects documented through safety committees, audits, or incident history

What safety grant applications usually require

Most safety grant proposals must have:

- A clearly defined safety concern or hazard
- Documentation showing need (safety committee minutes, assessments, or incidents)
- A proposed solution tied directly to risk reduction
- Cost estimates or vendor quotes
- Follow up or reporting after project completion

Why safety programs matter

Grant applications are strongest when they support an existing safety program. Ongoing safety meetings, documentation, and training help demonstrate need and readiness for funding.

Getting started

Communities interested in safety grants should:

- Identify a specific safety concern
- Document the issue through safety meetings or assessments
- Contact MMUA for guidance on funding opportunities and application support

How MMUA supports safety grant efforts

MMUA does not award grants, but does provide technical assistance to member communities, including:

Grant identification

- Helping identify relevant safety grant opportunities
- Discussing project eligibility and alignment with safety priorities

Application assistance

- Providing application checklists, templates, and examples
- Reviewing draft applications and project narratives
- Helping communities frame safety needs clearly and consistently

Coordination with safety programs

- Working alongside MMUA regional safety coordinators
- Aligning grant projects with existing safety committees and programs

Reporting and follow up support

- Guidance on required post award documentation
- Sharing examples of prior reports and successful projects

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

Safety and grant technical assistance

Available to MMUA member communities. Contact us at info@mmua.org.