

JPIA RISK CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM

The Risk Control Grant Program is designed to reinforce strategic risk management directions and re-energize the loss reduction efforts of the JPIA members.

Employee training has been proven to increase productivity and morale.



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The best way to control losses is to prevent them.



Grant Program Purpose

To promote the implementation of best practices that will prevent or mitigate losses in the JPIA's Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation Programs. The historical loss areas for these Programs serve as the foundation for the best practices in the JPIA's Commitment to Excellence Program. The Grant Program will incentivize members to renew their Commitment to Excellence and review best practices applicable to their operations.

JPIA members are eligible for a grant up to \$10,000 to fund their risk management and safety program projects or equipment. This is accomplished by funding specific one-time, non-routine risk management or loss control programs or activities that are intended to address those risks.

Members should refer to the Risk Control Grant Program Description for guidance as to projects that are likely to merit a funding request.

Eligibility

The member's eligibility to participate in the Grant Program includes:

- A member must have a signed Commitment to Excellence Agreement in place and it must accompany the grant documents.

- A member must participate in at least two JPIA pooled programs.
- Members may submit one Risk Control Grant Application per Grant Program cycle. A program cycle is October 1 – December 1 of each JPIA fiscal year.
- Members awarded a Risk Control Grant must wait a minimum of one year to apply again.

Grant Program: Commitment to Excellence Categories

Infrastructure-Wildfire

- Emergency plan for wildfire
- Communication equipment

Vehicle Operations

- Vehicle equipment such as emergency strobes, high visibility stripes
- Vehicle backup cameras

Water Lines Failure

- Valve exercise/flushing program
- Emergency response trailer
- Underground line locating equipment
- Fire hydrant check valve/flapper valve
- Cathodic protection

Ergonomics Program

- Industrial ergonomic evaluation with associated Job Hazard Analysis
- Industrial ergonomic equipment that reduces manual handling
- Ergonomic mechanical assistance (see C2E Full Guide for explanation)
- Truck bed steps/grasp bars

Employment Practices

- Organizational consultant to offer coaching training/techniques for managers to better motivate or engage staff.
 - ◊ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - ◊ Change Management
 - ◊ Communication/Conflict Resolution
- Conduct an engagement survey with resultant follow-up activities.

Exclusions

- Normal or routine maintenance projects or deferred maintenance, such as repair or servicing equipment.
- Items normally covered in an operations budget (refer to the Program Description for a full list).
- Cost of labor (hiring personnel, wages including overtime).
 - ◊ **Exception:** Includes program, product, or service provided/performed by a certified, insured, licensed, and/or qualified individual or entity (i.e. professionally authorized train-the-trainer courses, or EPL specialized trainer).
- Expenditures for fines, penalties, and/or citations.
- Emergency equipment/supplies: PPEs, single-use, and hygiene products.
- Office ergonomic equipment, software programs/applications/licenses.

Award Criteria

- Defined scope, process, or performance objective(s) with solutions having a high probability of reducing loss exposure(s).
- Project or program has a results-oriented impact that is measurable and identifiable.
- Utilization of the Hierarchy of Controls.

Priority will be given to grant applications that apply grant program funds to a JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program category consistent with their pooled program participation.

Grant funds will be distributed on a first approved basis. Small, medium, and large districts will receive two awards respectively; the remaining four awards will be merit based.

Application and Reimbursement of Expenditures

Grant funds will be paid as reimbursements or initial investments for costs incurred within the scope of the project. To receive grant funding, the Grant Program Application must be submitted for projects *initiated and completed within the fiscal year (10/1/25 – 9/30/26)*.