

WAC 296-900-17505 Scope and purpose. (1) The program for safety and health investment projects (SHIP) was established during the 2011 legislative session to provide funding for safety and health projects for workplaces insured for workers' compensation through the department's state fund. The purpose of these projects shall be to: Prevent workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities; create early return to work programs; and reduce long-term disability through the cooperation of employers and employees or their representatives.

(2) Funds for awards shall be distributed as follows:

(a) At least twenty-five percent for projects designed to develop and implement innovative and effective return-to-work programs for injured workers;

(b) At least twenty-five percent for projects that specifically address the needs of small businesses; and

(c) At least fifty percent for projects that foster workplace injury and illness prevention by addressing priorities identified by the department in cooperation with the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act advisory committee and the workers' compensation advisory committee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 17-18-075, § 296-900-17505, filed 9/5/17, effective 10/6/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and 2011 c 37. WSR 12-03-090, § 296-900-17505, filed 1/17/12, effective 3/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, 49.17.210, and 2007 c 522. WSR 08-03-025, § 296-900-17505, filed 1/8/08, effective 2/8/08.]