

**WAC 296-900-17525 Application.** (1) The department will periodically prepare grant application packets that will be available on the department's website.

(2) Applicants must complete the entire application to be considered for project funding. Incomplete applications or those submitted after a posted deadline will not be considered for funding.

(3) Some funding cycles may include limitations on the maximum amount that will be awarded for any proposal. Limitations, if any, will be posted on the department's website or in current application packets.

(4) All products developed as a result of an approved SHIP project belong in the public domain and their dissemination and use shall not be restricted in any way. Such products may not be copyrighted, patented, claimed as trade secrets, or otherwise restricted in any other way. The department retains the right to publish or otherwise disseminate these products as the department in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

(5) The department will not use information contained in submitted application packets as the basis for the initiation of compliance inspections or the issuance of citations and/or penalties to applicants, under WISHA, chapter 49.17 RCW. However, employers are not exempt from compliance inspections initiated for other reasons because they submitted an application packet.

(6) Projects may include, but are not limited to:

(a) The development and implementation of innovative and effective return-to-work programs for injured workers;

(b) The development of technical innovation and engineering controls for the recognition and control of workplace hazards;

(c) Best practices for workplace safety and health programs;

(d) Education and training;

(e) Efforts that address the needs of small businesses;

(f) Priorities identified by DOSH in cooperation with the WISHA advisory committee and the workers' compensation advisory committee;

(g) Initiatives intended to build organizational capacity in workplace safety and health; and

(h) Other projects that foster injury and illness prevention through cooperation between employers and employees or their representatives.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and 2011 c 37. WSR 12-03-090, § 296-900-17525, 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, § 296-900-17525, filed 1/8/08, effective 2/8/08.]