

**WAC 296-900-17515 Eligibility.** (1) All projects must address the needs of employers and employees covered by the department's state fund.

(2) Projects must have clearly identified:

(a) Objectives and work plan;

(b) Products; and

(c) Criteria for evaluating the success of the project.

(3) Awards may be granted to any agency, firm, organization, individual or other legal entity such as, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Trade associations;

(b) Business associations;

(c) Employers (including but not limited to private, public, non-profit, or self-insured employers if collaborating with medical aid fund employers);

(d) Employees;

(e) Labor unions;

(f) Employee organizations;

(g) Joint labor and management groups;

(h) Educational institutions in collaboration with state fund employer and employee representatives;

(i) Others deemed appropriate by L&I.

(4) SHIP funds may not be used for:

(a) Lobbying or political activities;

(b) Supporting, opposing, or developing legislative or regulatory initiatives;

(c) Any activity not designed to reduce workplace injuries, illnesses, or fatalities; or

(d) Reimbursing employers for the normal costs of complying with safety and health rules.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and 2011 c 37. WSR 12-03-090, § 296-900-17515, 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, § 296-900-17515, filed 1/8/08, effective 2/8/08.]