

# Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Program

The New York State Department of Labor administers grants for the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Program. A grant will help you give safety training to your workers, members, or interested groups at little or no cost.

The Hazard Abatement Board awards these grants through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The application can be accessed at our website, [www.labor.ny.gov/hab/](http://www.labor.ny.gov/hab/).

## Program Goal

The grants promote healthy and safe workplaces through training, education and other methods that:

- Identify, evaluate, and control safety and health hazards.
- Help you comply with occupational safety and health regulations.
- Help businesses and workers to prevent accidents, injuries and illnesses, and workplace violence.
- Inform people about the New York State Right-to-Know Law and other laws that require training and education on workplace dangers.

## Who Can Apply?

These groups may apply:

- Public and Private Employers
- Labor Unions or their Federations
- Trade Associations
- Nonprofit Groups and Educational Institutions

We strongly encourage joint labor-management applications and accept joint applications from other groups.

We welcome applications from groups that have never had a grant or have not had a recent grant.

## Qualifying Projects

Typical activities that we fund under the grant program (if the New York State Department of Labor does not already provide them) include:

- Training on how to identify, evaluate, and control employee exposure to workplace hazards.
- Activities that will help labor-management safety and health committees better address workplace issues.

Programs that reduce workplace accidents by teaching:

- Lockout/tagout procedures
- Safe electrical work practices
- Ways to work safely in confined spaces
- Industrial equipment safety, etc.

Programs that emphasize disease prevention through control of:

- Carcinogens and other toxic chemicals
- Physical hazards such as noise, heat, and vibration
- Biological hazards such as hepatitis B virus and tuberculosis bacteria
- Bloodborne pathogens



Teaching people their rights and duties under the New York State Right-to-Know Law and OSHA/PESH standards on:

- Hazard communication - Globally Harmonized System
- Chemical hazards
- Specific substances such as lead, benzene, and asbestos

Programs that help resolve unique or difficult job safety and health problems, such as the threat of assault on the job.

Most programs run on a 12-month cycle from August through July. We generally issue a competitive RFP in late November - early December that allows you about 7-8 weeks to write a proposal. We will clearly state the deadline for submissions each year in the RFP.

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