



## **SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION – 2023-2024**

**School Year:** 2023-2024

**Maximum Grant:** \$5,000 maximum per grant limit

**Timelines:**

- \* Applications available: **Wednesday, July 26, 2023**
- \* Application deadline: **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**
- \* Grants awarded at GSBA-RMS Annual Conference in Athens on: **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**
- \* For those selected for the grants, deadline for submitting all required documents to GSBA-RMS is: **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

### **Guidelines and Rules:**

- The application packet is being sent via email **to the following personnel only** at each of our member districts:
  - *Superintendents*
  - *Safety Directors*
  - *Primary contacts for the Account and for Safety and Risk Control*
- Only school districts who are members in the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Risk Management Services (RMS), one or both funds, are eligible to apply.
- Grant applications will be evaluated on a comparative basis. However, if grant proposals do not provide sufficient potential savings, GSBA-RMS reserves the right not to award grants.
- **One (1)** grant application per school district.
- Grants will be awarded on a reimbursement basis only.
- Grant funds cannot be used to reimburse equipment, training, or services purchased **prior** to date grant is awarded.
- Grant funds cannot be used to pay salaries for employees.
- Previous grant recipients **are eligible** to submit applications

### **Considered for Applications:**

- All proposals for activities, training (including travel expenses) and/or equipment that contribute to a *potential reduction in property & liability losses, employee safety, or build overall risk management awareness for members* will be considered.
- **Applications will be scored against others for the maximum benefit in the reduction of potential losses.**

- **Examples:**

- *Training to prevent employment related claims such as wrongful termination, sexual harassment, etc.*
- *Prevention of bus accidents through equipment/training, etc.*
- *Step ladders for classroom teachers*
- *Equipment/Training for food service to help prevent injuries related to strains/lifting/cuts/punctures/scrapes and burns*
- *To fund a slips/trips/falls program for all employees*
- *Train the Trainer certification in a specific program*
- *Purchase material handling equipment*
- *Ergonomically correct custodial carts/cleaning equipment*
- *Construct ramps/docks to eliminate excessive material handling at dumpsters*
- *Slip resistant shoe wear*
- *Sidewalk repairs as related to student/employee/visitor falls*
- *Lifting equipment for special needs rooms*
- *Anti-slip entrance/exit mats*
- *Spill kits or warning signs for hallways*
- *Security access points of entry*
- *Fire safety*

**Not Considered for Applications:**

- AED's
- Maintenance of current equipment

**Grant Award Selection Criteria:**

- Relevance to coverage the district purchases from GSBA-RMS. *Example: An application for bus safety by a district that does not have auto coverage with GSBA-RMS would not be considered. An application for employee safety by a district that is not in our Workers' Compensation Fund would not be considered.*
- Members can use total grant towards one of their coverage lines or divide across multiple coverages.
- If the application involves the grant money going together with additional local monies, we must receive full explanation of how the project will be funded. All purchases must be completed prior to the deadline. These type applications are very limited in consideration.
- Sufficient explanation of proposal and how it will help reduce losses or exposures.

## **Contact Information**

- **For assistance or additional information, please contact:**
  - David Colvard  
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Georgia School Boards Association-Risk Management Services  
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Office: 770-995-4367
  
- **APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO RODEAN WILSON**  
*(See her information at bottom of the application form)*

## **EXAMPLES OF PAST GRANT RECIPIENTS**

*This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the GSBA-RMS Safety Grant Program. Over \$400,000 has been distributed. Here are some examples of some of the past winners:*

- To provide the necessary equipment and training for the food service department to help reduce their injuries related to strains/lifting/cuts and punctures
- To purchase slip, trip and fall kits that will be placed in all schools to help control the number of incidents
- To purchase security cameras and controlled access to an OFF-CAMPUS gym that is used for athletic practices and games. Several break-ins and vandalism have caused much damage in the past
- To purchase dual band two-way radios for an elementary school that is the location of medically fragile students with multiple medical needs
- To purchase fencing to go around the playground of a specific school that is located very close to a high traffic area. There have been previous incidents.
- To purchase security cameras and access control for the bus storage/fueling area where several incidents of vandalism and theft have occurred
- For one of the poorest school districts in the state with very limited funding, to purchase and install security cameras on 3 special needs buses
- Based on number of slip, trip and fall incidents involving food service workers, purchase of comfortable, professional and slip resistant shoes for staff
- Purchase of slip-resistant mats beneath water coolers that have porcelain or vinyl composite tile
- Purchase of slip-resistant rugs, of extended length, at school entrance locations
- To purchase personal protective equipment for staff working with special needs students whose behaviors often include physical aggression

- To purchase items to correlate with their food service “Golden Hemet Award” and safety program
- To address issues of all injuries by employees, district will purchase step-ladders for classrooms, slip-resistant shoe wear for food service and custodians and add slip-resistant rugs to entrance areas
- To purchase materials to build steps to roof-top of a school where HVAC units are located as well as fencing to prevent access to the steps for non-authorized personnel. Based on several injuries of maintenance workers while having to access units
- To purchase security cameras and access units for maintenance dept facility which is separate from other facilities in the district. Based on several thefts
- To provide updates and or additional security for district cyber protections
- To purchase dash cameras for school district police vehicles
- Personal Protection Equipment for maintenance, custodial and food service staff
- To provide training for specific maintenance employees as Certified Playground Inspectors.
- To provide additional Cyber Protection to the district technology areas.
- To provide additional training for preventing sexual abuse of employees and students.
- For training to assist administrators in avoiding employment lawsuits.



**APPLICATION FOR 2023-2024 GSBA SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT GRANT**

**Application Deadline: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023**

**Approved Grants will be announced at the GSBA-RMS Annual Conference: Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

*(No expenditure made prior to October 17, 2023 will be considered)*

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

District Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Line of coverage as related to this grant:

Workers' Comp  Property  Liability  Auto  Cyber  Other \_\_\_\_\_

*(Verify what coverages your district has with GSBA-RMS. Your grant application must match up with the type coverage you have)*

Grant money requested? \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum \$5,000)

What safety measure is proposed? Describe fully and list cost details (Use separate sheets as needed)

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