



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION

Pool Safety Grant Program (PSGP)

Funding Opportunity Announcement
(FOA) CPSC-23-001

Application Technical Assistance
Webinar

Objectives

- Overview, Eligibility, Purpose
- Application and Review Process
- Post-Award Information
- Resources and Contact Information



PSGP Overview

- The Pool Safety Grant Program: Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB Act),
- Reauthorized by P. L. No. 117-328 (Division BB, Title IV)
- 15 United State Code Sec. 8004 (15 U.S.C. 8004)
- \$3.5 million is available
- Applicants may request a grant of up to \$400,000
- Awards will have a 2-year project/budget period.
- Some aspects of the grant proposal may be achieved by contracting with other entities, including civic organizations.



PSGP Overview

- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
87.002
- Agency FOA Number: CPSC-23-001
- Applications must be submitted in Grants.gov
by April 30, 2023



PSGP Applicant Eligibility

Eligible Entities are:

- State, local government or Indian Tribe that...
- Demonstrates to the satisfaction of CPSC that they have enacted or amended a state or local law that meets the requirements specified in Section 1406 of the VGB Act (15 U.S.C. § 8005) and provides for enforcement of the law



Do You Have All of the Laws/Codes Needed To Qualify for a Grant?

- Requirements: 15 U.S.C. Section 8005
- Applicants must:
 - Submit a full copy of the applicable state or local law(s)
 - Identify the specific sections of the applicable law(s) that meet each requirement in Section 1406(a)(1)(A)
 - Provide an explanation of how the applicable state or local law meets each requirement in Section 1406(a)(1)(A)
- Adoption and enforcement of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code likely meets the requirements, but applicant must submit the information listed above.



State/Local Law - Section 1406 VGB Act

- A state or local government meets the minimum state law requirements of the VGB Act, if the state requires by law:
 - The enclosure of all outdoor residential pools and spas (built more than 1 year after the date of the enactment of such state or local law) by barriers to entry that will effectively prevent small children from gaining unsupervised and unfettered access to the pool or spa; and
 - That pools and spas built more than 1 year after the date of the enactment of such state or local law have:
 - More than 1 drain;
 - 1 or more unblockable drains; or
 - No main drain;
 - and whether the law provides for enforcement.



PSGP Purpose

This grant program provides assistance to implement enforcement and education programs to prevent the drowning and drain entrapments of children in pools and spas.

At least 25 percent of funds must be used for *enforcement-*

- to hire and train personnel for implementation and enforcement of standards under the swimming pool and spa safety law of the State or Indian Tribe; and
- to defray administrative costs associated with the hiring and training programs



PSGP Purpose

The remainder of the funds (up to 75 percent) may be used for *education*:

- to educate pool owners, pool operators, and other members of the public about the standards under the swimming pool and spa safety law of the State or Indian Tribe and about the prevention of drowning or entrapment of children using swimming pools and spas
- Defray administrative costs associated with such training and education programs



PSGP Purpose

Funds may *not* be used for:

- Pool construction/ improvement/ renovations etc.
- Paying lifeguards

These costs are not allowable under the VGB Act.



PSGP Application

- The requested amount of federal funding must be \$50,000 to \$400,000
- Documents counted in the page limits of the application may not exceed 80 pages. Those are:
 - Application and budget narratives, schedule, staffing plan, and other attachments.
- Must contain documents that are required for completeness and eligibility:
 - SF-424 face page and State Law Eligibility documentation



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- Only one application may be submitted for consideration from the same applicant organization
- If more than one application is submitted by an applicant, CPSC will accept the applicant's last electronic submission validated by Grants.gov before the deadline date as the final application



Grants.gov

- Registration in Grants.gov is required
- Registration may take up to 1 month
 - Start the process as soon as possible
 - Incomplete registration in Grants.gov will not be a justification for an extension



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- The Grants.gov registration process involves these basic steps:
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
 - Register the organization with System for Award Management (SAM)
 - Register the organization with Grants.gov
 - Get authorized as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) by the applicant organization with Grants.gov
- Refer to <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html> for additional guidance



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- The following documents will be provided through Grants.gov:
 - Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
 - Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424a)
 - Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424b)
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (as applicable)
 - Grants.gov Lobbying Form (required)
 - Other Attachments Form (upload attachments 1-7)
- Detailed instructions for completing these documents are available within the FOA



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Please visit the Grants.gov website at <http://www.grants.gov>, or call the Grants.gov Contact Center at 1-800-518-4726, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (excluding federal holidays) for additional technical assistance on the registration process



Completing the PSGP Application

Applicants will provide the following as Other Attachments in Grants.gov:

- Attachment 1: Project Narrative (Required for Review)
 - Table of Contents
 - Introduction + Funding preference (if applicable)
 - Work plan
 - Project evaluation plan
- Attachment 2: Budget table/ narrative (Required for Review)
- Attachment 3: Schedule (Required for Review)
- Attachment 4: Staffing Plan (Required for Review)
- Attachment 5: State Law Eligibility (Required for Completeness)
- Attachment 6: Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (as applicable)
- Attachments 7: Other Relevant Documents (as applicable)



PSGP Project Narrative

Comprised of 4 sections:

- 1) Table of Contents
- 2) Introduction + Funding preference (if applicable)
- 3) Work plan
- 4) Project evaluation plan



PSGP Project Narrative

- The narrative is included in the 80-page limit
- The narrative must be submitted in the following format:
 - Line Spacing: single-spaced, 1.0
 - Font size: 12 point
 - Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches
 - Page margin size: 1 inch



PSGP Budget

- The funds requested and the Object Class Categories between the SF-424a and the Budget Narrative should match
- The budget should reflect 100 percent federal funds because there is no matching or cost-sharing requirement from non-federal resources.
- The budget narrative must describe the scope of work to be performed within the project. Be sure to provide a detailed description for every line item on the SF-424a form
- Refer to Appendix A in the Guidance for more specifics of submitting the budget



Funding Preference

- Under this FOA, CPSC must give a preference to state, local governments and Indian Tribes with the highest need to improve its efforts to prevent child drowning and improve pool safety. CPSC will add five points to the final Objective Review Committee (ORC) application review scores for eligible applicants whose applications set forth accurate and reliable data demonstrating that the number of incidents involving child drownings, nonfatal submersions, and drain entrapments in the jurisdiction, relative to the applicable population, significantly exceeds comparable national statistics during comparable periods.
- Each eligible application with a final ORC application review score of 70 or above will be assessed to receive a 5-point adjustment.
- Information on national pool and spa injury statistics is available at www.cpsc.gov/en/Research--Statistics/Sports--Recreation/Pool-and-Spas/



Application Review Process



- Initial review to ensure applicants have submitted all required documents and met eligibility criteria (applicant type and conforming VGB law/ compliance with Sec. 1406)
- ORC reviews and scores applications based on FOA review criteria, and determines application of Funding Preference points
- Based on ORC and Funding Preference reviews, successful applicants receive NoA



Objective Review Committee (ORC) Review

- An objective review of the applications will be performed to assess the merit of eligible applications based on the review criteria in the funding announcement:
 - Introduction (10-15 points)
 - Work Plan (50 points)
 - Resource/Capabilities (25 points)
 - Project Evaluation Plan (15 points)



Notice of Award

- If the application is funded, a Notice of Award (NoA) will be issued as the authorizing document
- The NoA contains the following information:
 - Terms of award
 - Conditions of award
 - Approved budget
 - Amount of Federal funds awarded
 - Project description
- Applicant must accept the award by email emanating from an authorized representative within 5 days of notification of award.



Resources

- Grants.gov website:
 - <http://www.grants.gov/>
 - Search: CPSC
- PSGP website:
 - www.poolsafely.gov/grant-program/



Contacts

- Grants.gov Contact Center
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Why apply for the *Pool Safely* Grant Program?

**To save lives and create safer pools
and spas in your community.**

