



OVERVIEW

Each Missouri Hospital Plan (MHP) member hospital may apply for up to \$25,000 through either one grant application or multiple applications combined. The grant application process begins August 19, 2024, with applications due by October 18, 2024, and awards announced in late November. Funding priority will be given to proposals that are innovative, evidence based, and directly aimed at improving patient safety and reducing professional liability claims.

Patient Safety grants will be awarded for projects that improve quality, reduce patient harm and/or improve patient outcomes for Missouri Hospital Plan members. The program objective is to encourage and support member efforts in developing and implementing innovative patient safety and quality initiatives in a collaborative process with physicians. Projects should aim to reduce or eliminate risk of adverse events and improve patient care.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following eligibility criteria must be met in order for an application to be accepted and scored:

- The Applicant must be a Missouri Hospital Plan (MHP) member.
 - a. In order to allow an opportunity for all MHP member hospitals to participate in the Patient Safety Grant program, prior grant recipients may not reapply for three years:
 - 2022 recipients may apply again in 2025 for 2026 funding;
 - 2023 recipients may apply again in 2026 for 2027 grant funding;
 - 2024 recipients may apply again in 2027 for 2028 grant funding.
- Applicant must be willing to share project information and outcomes with others.
- Applicant must agree to submit Quarterly Progress Reports.
- Application must include a letter of support from the organization's CEO/Administrator.
- Application must include a letter of support from senior leadership of each collaborating partner, if applicable.
- Application must identify a Project Coordinator.
- Application project must be adaptable for use by other facilities or physician practices.
- Application must be submitted via HSG's BoardEffect portal no later than October 18, 2024.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

AUGUST 19, 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicants may submit requests for BoardEffect User IDs/passwords to: kschlup@hsg-group.com.2. Applicants may submit draft applications for review and assistance from HSG Risk Management staff. This is not a requirement of the grant process. If you choose to submit a draft application, please use the fillable Word application at: https://hsg-group.com/patient-safety-grant and submit to: kschlup@hsg-group.com.
AUGUST 19 – OCTOBER 18, 2024	Applications may be submitted through the BoardEffect portal using assigned User ID.
OCTOBER 18, 2024	Application deadline. All applications must be submitted by October 18, 2024, via HSG’s BoardEffect application in order to be considered. A Proposed Project Budget located at: https://hsg-group.com/patient-safety-grant/ must also be emailed by October 18, 2024 to kschlup@hsg-group.com.
LATE NOVEMBER 2024	HSG will announce grant awards.
DECEMBER 16, 2024	Certification page must be submitted by CEO of grant recipients.
JANUARY 1, 2025	Grant projects begin.
FEBRUARY 3-APRIL 11, 2025	Grant recipients may submit initial payment requests of up to 75% of the grant award between February 3-April 11. Initial payment requests in excess of 75% require a special request.
APRIL 11, 2025	Initial Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be sent to recipients March 3, 2025.) Applicants may request remainder of grant award after April 11 Progress Report is submitted.
JULY 14, 2025	2nd Quarter Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be sent to recipients June 2, 2025.)
OCTOBER 13, 2025	3rd Quarter Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be sent to recipients September 2, 2025.)
JANUARY 19, 2026	Final Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be sent to recipients December 1, 2025.)

PROJECT SCORING CRITERIA

All applications that meet the Eligibility Criteria above will be scored by a team of independent reviewers using a competitive scoring process and related score sheets that correlate to the criteria below: (see the complete Scoring Guide at: <https://hsg-group.com/patient-safety-grant/>)

- The problem statement clearly identifies a quality or patient safety concern for improvement.
- The problem/needs statement is supported with baseline data/statistics or evidence to justify the need to address the problem.
- The project's impact has significant potential for improved safety or outcomes in the population described.
- The project is innovative, evidence-based, and directly aimed at improving patient safety and reducing professional liability claims.
- The project implements and evaluates strategies and tools that improve care.
- The project includes physician participation and includes a description of the physician(s) role.
- The project is adaptable for use by other facilities or physician practices.
- The project plan and measure will support sustainability.

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL FOCUS AREAS:

- Culture of safety (leadership)
- Patient and family engagement
- Safety of the health care workforce
- Quality improvement projects – improve conditions for patients
 - Specific patient populations and conditions (i.e., diabetes, cardiology, OBGYN, surgery, etc.)
 - Focus on National Patient Safety Goals (NPSGs), Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs) and other recognized health quality concerns in the industry
- Patient assessment
- Management of performance and medical treatment/procedural safety
- Other areas of focus:
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Obstetrics and gynecology
 - Intensive Care Unit
 - Surgery
 - Other high-risk areas

CLOSING

We encourage you to submit a grant application to assist in funding your patient safety and quality initiatives. This is HSG's fourth year offering a Patient Safety Grant and we are excited to offer this initiative that will bring focus to improving patient safety in our member healthcare facilities.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Kim Schlup at kschlup@hsg-group.com for more information.