



### 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 in July, with applications due by September 1, 2021, and awards announced in early November 2021. 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:

- Applicant must be a Missouri Hospital Plan (MHP) member.
- 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 BoardEffect no later than September 1, 2021.

## IMPORTANT APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

<b>JULY 16, 2021</b>	Applicants may submit requests for BoardEffect User IDs/passwords to: <a href="mailto:kschlup@hsg-group.com">kschlup@hsg-group.com</a> .
<b>JULY 16 – AUGUST 30, 2021</b>	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: <a href="https://hsg-group.com/patient-safety-grant">https://hsg-group.com/patient-safety-grant</a> and submit to: <a href="mailto:kschlup@hsg-group.com">kschlup@hsg-group.com</a> .
<b>AUGUST 2, 2021</b>	BoardEffect User IDs/passwords will be issued and the application for submissions will open.
<b>SEPTEMBER 1, 2021</b>	Application deadline. All applications must be submitted by September 1, 2021, via the <b>BoardEffect</b> application in order to be considered. <b>A Proposed Project Budget located at: <a href="https://hsg-group.com/patient-safety-grant/">https://hsg-group.com/patient-safety-grant/</a> must also be mailed by September 1, 2021 to <a href="mailto:kschlup@hsg-group.com">kschlup@hsg-group.com</a>.</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 8-15, 2021</b>	HSG will announce grant awards.
<b>DECEMBER 15, 2021</b>	Certification page must be submitted by CEO of grant recipients.
<b>JANUARY 1, 2022</b>	Grant projects begin.
<b>FEBRUARY 1-APRIL 15, 2022</b>	Applicants submit initial payment requests of up to 75% of grant award between February 1-April 15. Initial payment requests in excess of 75% require a special request.
<b>APRIL 15, 2022</b>	Initial Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be made available to applicants in September 2021.)  Applicants may request remainder of grant award after April 15 Progress Report is submitted.
<b>JULY 15, 2022</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be made available to applicants in September 2021.)
<b>OCTOBER 15, 2022</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be made available to applicants in September 2021.)
<b>JANUARY 15, 2023</b>	Final Progress Report due to HSG. (Report forms will be made available to applicants in September 2021.)

## 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 first year to offer 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](mailto:kschlup@hsg-group.com) for more information.