



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION

Pool Safety Grant Program (PSGP)

Funding Opportunity Announcement
(FOA) CPSC-16-001

Application Technical Assistance
Webinar

Objectives

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



PSGP Overview

- The FY 2016 Pool Safely Grant Program:
- Authorized by Pub. L. No. 110-140, Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB Act), Section 1405
 - <http://www.poolsafely.gov/pool-spa-safety-act/read/>
- \$1 million is available
- Applicants may request a grant of up to \$250,000
- Awards will have a 1-year project/budget period, with the project period starting November 30, 2015



PSGP Overview

- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
87.002
- Agency FOA Number: CPSC-16-001
- 90-day application window. Applications must be submitted to Grants.gov by August 19, 2015



PSGP Purpose

This funding opportunity will provide assistance to implement enforcement and education programs to prevent the drowning and drain entrapments of children in pools and spas. Funding is to be used specifically to:

1. Hire and train enforcement personnel for implementation and enforcement of standards under the state or local swimming pool and spa safety law. At least 50 percent of funding must be used for this purpose



PSGP Purpose

2. Educate:

- pool construction and installation companies and pool service companies about the standards
- pool owners, pool operators, and other members of the public about the standards under the swimming pool and spa safety law and about the prevention of drowning or entrapment of children using swimming pools and spas

3. Defray administrative costs associated with such training and education programs



PSGP Applicant Eligibility

Eligible Entities are:

- State and local governments that
- Demonstrate 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



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 statute for:
- 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:
 - I. More than 1 drain;
 - II. 1 or more unblockable drains; or
 - III. No main drain.
- and if the state or local government provides for enforcement of that law



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

- 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)
- Applicants that do not submit the above information, or whose state or local law does not meet the requirements specified in the VGB Act, will be determined ineligible



PSGP Application Eligibility

- The requested amount of federal funding must be less than or equal to \$250,000
- 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 that applicants wish to attach that are not specifically required or requested in the FOA.
- Must contain documents that are required for completeness and eligibility:
 - SF-424 face page and State Law Eligibility documentation



Application Deadline

Applications are due into Grants.gov by

August 19, 2015 by 11:59 PM EST



Grants.gov

- 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



Grants.gov

- The Grants.gov registration process involves these basic steps:
 - Obtain an organizational Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number
 - 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



Grants.gov

- 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 1-8)
- Detailed instructions for completing these documents are available within the FOA



Grants.gov

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)
- Attachment 2: Budget 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: Funding Preference (as applicable)
- Attachments 8: Other Relevant Documents (as applicable)



PSGP Project Narrative

Comprised of 4 sections:

1) Introduction

2) Work Plan

- Scope of Work
- Schedule
- Collaborations (not mandatory)

3) Resources and Capabilities

- Staffing Plan
- Budget Narrative

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
- Because there is no matching or cost-sharing requirements from non-federal resources, the budget should reflect 100 percent federal funds
- 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

- For FY 2016 PGSP funding under this FOA, a preference shall be given to states and local governments with the greatest child drowning and pool safety needs.
- Each eligible application with a final ORC application review score of 70 or above will be assessed to receive a 5 point adjustment.



Funding Preference

- Information on national pool and spa injury statistics is available at www.cpsc.gov/en/Research--Statistics/Sports--Recreation/Pools-and-Spas/



Application Review Process



- Initial review to ensure applicants have submitted all required documents and met eligibility criteria
- 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 (25 points)
 - Work Plan (30 points)
 - Resource/Capabilities (25 points)
 - Project Evaluation Plan (15 points)
- The PoolSafely.gov grant webpage provides a narrative/review criteria side-by-side.



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



Resources

- Grants.gov website:
 - <http://www.grants.gov/>
 - Search: CPSC
- PSGP website:
 - <http://www.poolsafely.gov/grants/vgbfy16/>



Contacts

- Grants.gov Contact Center
 - Phone: 1-800-518-4726
 - Email: support@grants.gov

- CPSC Program Contact Information
 - Ann Piesen: 301-504-7261
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Why apply for the *Pool Safely* Grant Program?

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

