



Funding Opportunities for Rising School Safety Costs

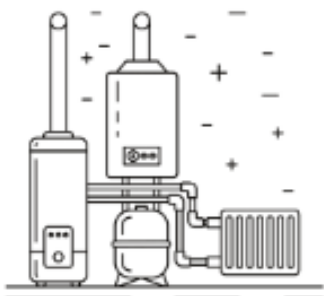
While ensuring school safety is a priority for all administrators, finding ways to fund safety measures and initiatives can be challenging. The reality is that the cost of keeping students safe in schools continues to rise. Luckily, school districts needing more financial support than their budget allows can apply for education grants, which can provide more sustainable solutions for school funding in the long term to assist with creating a safer school environment.

The SchoolSafety.gov Grants Finder Tool helps schools locate federal funding for safety-related needs. The tool provides updates on new opportunities, helping schools identify relevant grants for improving safety measures. For more details, visit [SchoolSafety.gov Grants Finder Tool](#).

More Grant Resources:

- [New Jersey Department of Education Grant Opportunities](#)
- [The NEA Foundation Educator Grants and Fellowships](#)
- [NJEA Grant Opportunities](#)
- [New Jersey Grant Watch - Elementary Education Grants](#)
- [New Jersey Education Grants 2024/2025](#)

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The Importance of a Safety Committee

As part of NJSIG's [Plan of Risk Management](#), members are strongly encouraged to establish and maintain Safety Committees and actively participate in NJSIG-sponsored safety programs and trainings. Safety Committees should be comprised of key district employees, these committees play an essential role in proactively identifying potential hazards and devising effective strategies to address them. By consistently evaluating and identifying safety concerns, these committees foster a collaborative culture of prevention and readiness, ensuring a secure environment for students and staff throughout the district.

The benefits of having a safety committee:

- Develop and promote a healthy and safe environment for all employees
- Encourages communication about safety
- May lower your NJSIG contributions

Function of a safety committee:

- Increase the awareness of safety at district
- Identify/eliminate workplace safety hazards
- Reduce/manage the amount of workplace injuries
- Discuss accidents / potential issues in an open forum
- Recommend corrective actions to prevent recurrences

Forming a committee:

- Appoint a "strong" leader
- If districts have multiple buildings, have representation from each
- Diverse membership:
 - Business administrator
 - Building and grounds
 - School nurse
 - Resource officer
 - District risk manager
 - School safety specialist
 - Think of including: bus drivers, lunch room aides, custodian/maintenance
- **Include your broker and your NJSIG Member Services Representative**

To read more about Safety Committee Meetings [Click Here](#)

To view a sample safety committee meeting agenda [Click Here](#)

If your district is interested in creating a Safety Committee, or improving an existing one, please reach out to your NJSIG Member Services Representative:

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