



Grant Programs 08-09

The following is a summary of the grant programs and services available to PLAN members in FY 08-09. Please contact Gertruda Luermann at (510) 464-7992, gertrudal@abag.ca.gov, or Marcus Beverly at (510) 464-7969, marcusb@abag.ca.gov, to apply for a grant (we typically ask only for an invoice), make recommendations for training or grant programs, or if you have any questions.

Risk Management Framework & Best Practices

Grants up to \$10,000 for any purpose related to risk management, for completing the PLAN's risk management framework items (\$5,000) and at least 50% of the best practices related to your risk exposures (\$5,000). Most Members have now qualified for these grants, but not all have used them.

Risk Management Services Credit

To make it easier for you to achieve, maintain, or improve upon the above items, we have established credits of at least 5% of each member's total funding, averaging over \$10,000 per member. The credit provides resources to address risk assessment recommendations and assist members in meeting the framework and best practice standards.

Staff and/or consultants will assist in developing an action plan and establishing a self-assessment process for continued improvement. Remaining funds are available for training, technical services, or other needs identified in the assessment.

Risk Management Program Grants

Once a Member has completed the framework and at least 50% of the best practices they are eligible for grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000, on a matching basis, to fund their risk management program. For example, members may use the grant to repair sidewalks, inspect or maintain trees, purchase safety equipment, upgrade playgrounds, training, or any other risk related needs. We welcome your ideas to address your needs and for programs that may be helpful to other members.

Risk Management Training

We pay up to \$3,000 each year for members to attend training or conferences, or to provide training in-house via personal or on-line delivery. Conferences and training include PARMA (www.parma.com), CAJPA (www.cajpa.org), PRIMA (www.primacentral.org), or other risk management related organizations, such as the IEA, (www.ieatraining.com).

We also continue to offer a free safety video lending library through the National Resource Safety Center, www.nrsc.com/video. You must order the videos through an account we have set up with Bickmore Risk Services. Details are on our web site or contact Christa Morris at 916-244-1126, for more information.

Police Risk Management

General Orders: we provide grants to assist member departments in meeting our best practices recommendations, including subscribing to a service for regular updates (at least annually) of a department's general orders. Once a member meets this requirement the following grants are available:

Equipment grants: up to \$15,000 per year as a matching grant for in-car video cameras, tasers, digital recorders, or other risk management related equipment.

Training grants: we pay for reserve officer perishable skills training not covered by POST as well as training programs as suggested by members to address their risk management concerns.

Sewer Risk Management

We continue our Sewer Smart Program (www.sewersmart.org) with public education materials, back flow devices, and assistance for our members in a variety of operational areas, including system maintenance, overflow response, and ordinance revision.

We offer grants for Members to provide Backflow Prevention Devices or to fund incentive programs for property owners to maintain and improve their systems.

Defensive Driver Training

We pay for defensive driver classroom and behind-the-wheel training for our members. We have a list of qualified vendors and are willing to try other vendors, including on-line training, as recommended by members.