

Grant Proposals - 2nd Round for FY 2024 Funding

The Heartland Center's Pilot Project Research Training (PPRT) Program welcomes proposals from Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) investigators within Federal Region VII and encourages the submission of proposals from underrepresented minority (URM) researchers. Funding priority is given to Junior Investigators (e.g., Assistant Professors, Post-Doctoral Scholars, etc.) developing a new research initiative in an OHS area, and students pursuing a MS or PhD degree. Research projects must be related to one of the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) research areas or cross-sector research areas (see <https://www.cdc.gov/nora/councils/default.html>) and pertain to an occupational health or safety issue. The research must be conducted in the United States.

Application Instructions in this link:

<https://heartland.public-health.uiowa.edu/about-the-center/pilot-grants/>



GPCAH Pilot Grant

The Center funds pilot projects (up to \$30,000 per project) intended to promote innovative outreach and research efforts to prevent agricultural injury and illness. The pilot program supports both community-based organizations and academic researchers, especially new investigators and trainees. Projects must target agricultural injury and illness prevention to help improve safety and health among agricultural communities in our Midwest region.

Save the Date: Hawkeye On Safety 2024

The **Hawkeye on Safety** annual conference provides life-saving health and safety information to workers from all industries, with a particular emphasis on facilities management and the building trades. This conference is intended for health and safety professionals, construction professionals (electrical, plumbing, roofing, carpentry, masonry, etc), project/facility personnel, HR professionals, general industry, medical professionals, and anyone looking for CEUs in health and safety.

Are you interested in sponsoring the **Hawkeye on Safety** Conference? Check out the sponsorship levels and benefits here: [Sponsors](#)



Building Safety Month is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety. This campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

The ongoing support of Building Safety Month and the important role code officials play in public safety in the built environment has come from U.S. presidents, governors, mayors, county executives, other government officials and construction industry professionals.

To get more resources click [HERE](#)




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Save the Date: OHS 2024 will be November 14 & 15

The Heartland Symposium will be held November 14th and 15th in Coralville, IA. The symposium addresses the ever-changing nature of work and the implications of these changes for the health, safety, and well-being of workers. This is intended for nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, physician assistants, safety professionals, human resources professionals, administrators, wellness administrators, and other individuals interested in improving the health and safety of workers.

This year keynote speaker is **L. Casey Chosewood**, MD MPH - Director, Office for Total Worker Health® - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. His presentation title is: *“Managing Occupational Health and Promoting Worker Wellbeing”*.

To save the date on your calendar and to register go to [Heartland Symposium](#)

US Department of Labor issues final rule to clarify rights to employee representation during OSHA inspections

In this final rule, OSHA is amending its Representatives of Employers and Employees regulation to clarify that the representative(s) authorized by employees may be an employee of the employer or a third party; such third-party employee representative(s) may accompany the OSHA Compliance Safety and Health Officer (CSHO) when, in the judgment of the CSHO, good cause has been shown why they are reasonably necessary to aid in the inspection. In the final rule, OSHA also clarified that a third party may be reasonably necessary because of their relevant knowledge, skills, or experience with hazards or conditions in the workplace or similar workplaces, or language or communication skills. OSHA concluded that these clarifications aid OSHA's workplace inspections by better enabling employees to select representative(s) of their choice to accompany the CSHO during a physical workplace inspection. Employee representation during the inspection is critically important to ensuring OSHA obtains the necessary information about worksite conditions and hazards.

Find the online and PDF information [HERE](#)

Check out the Latest Heartland Center Annual Report

Every Fiscal year, the Heartland Center publishes an [Annual Report](#) designed to provide examples of some of the most notable activities of the center. Read about the center's activities during the July 2022-June 2023 period in our [latest report](#).

OSHA's Top 10

The most frequently cited standards for fiscal year 2023 as reported by [Safety & Health Magazine](#).

1. Fall Protection
2. Hazard Communication
3. Ladders
4. Scaffolding
5. Powered Industrial Trucks
6. Lockout/Tagout
7. Respiratory Protection
8. Fall Protection - Training Requirements
9. Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment - Eye and Face Protection
10. Machine Guarding





Continuing Education Programs

Check out the Heartland Center's online events calendar at HeartlandERC.org to keep track of our upcoming continuing education events.

Follow the Heartland Center on social media for regular occupational health and safety updates:

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LinkedIn

linkedin.com/groups/8420341



Instagram

instagram.com/heartlandcntr/

YouTube

www.youtube.com/@heartlandcntr

May is the National Electrical Safety Month

The Electrical Safety Foundation (ESFI) announce that its National Electrical Safety Month 2024 campaign will focus on lithium-ion battery safety. The materials for this year's campaign educate the public on how to purchase, use, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Lithium-ion batteries power the devices we rely on every day. These batteries can be found in cell phones, tablets, laptops, electric scooters and bikes, toothbrushes, and backup batteries.

Landscaping Safety

Landscapers are exposed to all kinds of different hazards on a daily basis, ranging from heat and weather hazards, chemical exposures, accidents with machinery or tools, construction dangers, and the physical stress of lifting and other awkward postures. OSHA provides a full list of potential hazards that landscapers face and the possible solutions that can help workers reduce and avoid these hazards altogether.

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