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Ms. Keri Sumner, Finance Director / County Clerk  
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Re: ACCG-GSIWCF 2024 Employee Safety Grant Program

Dear Keri:

**Congratulations!**

ACCG, Georgia's County Association, is pleased to announce that Washington County has been awarded an *Employee Safety Grant* in the amount of **\$2,500** from the ACCG – Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (ACCG-GSIWCF). These funds have been provided to your organization for the purchase of specific safety equipment and/or safety training noted on your application.

Funding for the *Employee Safety Grant Program* is made possible by the ACCG-GSIWCF Board of Trustees. The intent of the *Employee Safety Grant* is to reward and aid the members of ACCG-GSIWCF that are willing to make significant efforts to provide a safe workplace for their elected officials, employees and volunteers. Washington County's commitment to a safe work environment is appreciated, since everyone benefits when on-the-job injuries are reduced. Leadership's support and the Safety Coordinator's efforts are key to having a healthy safety culture.

A press release has been enclosed that can be used to notify your local media. If you have any questions or comments regarding the *Employee Safety Grant* or any of the ACCG Insurance Programs, please feel free to contact me at (404) 589-7828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley H. Abercrombie". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ashley H. Abercrombie, CPCU  
Director of Property & Casualty Programs

cc: The Honorable Horace Daniel, Chairman  
Mr. Keith Thompson, Safety Coordinator  
Mr. Dan Beck, Director of Local Government Risk Management Services



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RECEIVES EMPLOYEE SAFETY GRANT  
FROM ACCG INSURANCE PROGRAMS**

**Washington County, GA. ( February 2025 )** - Washington County was recently awarded an *Employee Safety Grant* from the ACCG - Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (ACCG-GSIWCF). The Employee Safety Grants are available to Fund members that are fostering a culture of workplace safety through additional training, equipment, or services.

The ACCG-GSIWCF Board of Trustees allotted \$1.5 million in grant funds over a three-year period, with \$500,000 available to eligible members in 2024. "We are pleased to offer this grant program to assist members in their safety efforts," said ACCG-GSIWCF Board of Trustees Chairman and McDuffie County Commissioner Frederick Favors. "The opportunity to receive the *Employee Safety Grant* is one of the many benefits of participation in this member-owned workers' compensation program."

Loss control services are provided to all members of the workers' compensation program through Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS), a non-profit agency operated jointly with the Georgia Municipal Association. Each member appoints a Safety Coordinator to work with LGRMS to create and maintain safe working environments for government officials, employees and volunteers.

The ACCG-GSIWCF provides workers' compensation insurance to more Georgia county governments than all other insurers combined and has assets of approximately \$265 million. Since 1985, the program has returned \$124 million in dividends and grants to the membership.

ACCG is Georgia's county association and works on behalf of county officials and their communities by providing public policy and legislative advocacy, leadership development, civic and community engagement initiatives, insurance and retirement programs that specialize in local government needs and other cost-saving programs. Formed in 1914 when county officials came together to help fund the state's first highway department, ACCG today serves as a catalyst for advancing Georgia's counties. For more information, go to [www.accg.org](http://www.accg.org).

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