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Awardees Announced for U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Grant Program to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

More than \$3M in grants awarded to state, tribal and territorial governments to help prevent future tragedies.

Washington D.C. – Awardees have been announced for the <u>Carbon Monoxide Poisoning</u> <u>Prevention Grant Program (COPPGP)</u> began by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in the wake of the tragic deaths of Minnesota brothers Nicholas and Zachary Burt, who lost their lives to a faulty home heater in 1996.

The grant awards funding to state, tribal and territorial governments that adopt recent editions of building safety codes—including the International Fire Code® and the International Residential Code®—that require CO poisoning prevention measures. The International Code Council joined construction industry associations and national fire and life safety organizations in support of the legislation's passage and ensured that the legislation supported communities that have adopted the International Code®.

The COPPGP grant is part of the <u>Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide</u> <u>Poisoning Prevention Act which was signed into law in 2022.</u> The grant program provides funding to eligible jurisdictions to purchase and install CO alarms in residential homes and facilities such as childcare centers, public schools and senior centers. The grant also funds training and public programs to educate on carbon monoxide poisoning prevention.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, each year more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, more than 100,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 14,000 are hospitalized. More than \$3 million in grants was awarded to 22 state and local governments. Learn more and view the full list of awardees <u>here</u>.

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