



## **2020 SAFETY FIRST GRANT PROGRAM BULLETIN**

### **IMPORTANT PROGRAM UPDATE – July 23, 2020**

**Due to the unforeseen financial challenges brought about by the COVID-19 crisis, it is necessary to cancel the 2020 SAFETY FIRST Grant Program.**

The decision to cancel this important program was not an easy one, however practical circumstances and best stewardship of financial resources require this action.

Our decision to cancel the program does not preclude a location from moving forward with its proposed project if it is able to be fully self-funded. We encourage reevaluation of projects, with consideration of necessity, safety impact, scope and available financial resources. Enhanced premises safety may be achieved even if planned projects are scaled back in order to be financed.

If your location is able to move forward with your submitted or revised project, you may do so at any time. As a reminder, any project that requires the services of an outside contractor requires an Archdiocesan Contract and full insurance. The documents are available for download from <https://archdpdx.org/property-and-risk-management>. Any Contract exceeding \$10,000 requires review and approval of the contractor's evidence of insurance by the Risk Manager prior to commencement of the work.

The Archdiocese Insurance Program has appreciated being able to offer our locations matching grant funds for safety projects for the past 10 years. The importance of projects completed under the SAFETY FIRST program is undisputable. We are hopeful that the program will recommence in the future.

Thank you for your understanding.

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