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NIPSCO Awards \$63,000 in Public Safety Education and Training Grants
Annual program funds local safety education and training projects in Northern Indiana

Merrillville, Ind. — Eighteen organizations will receive grants from NIPSCO to help fund their safety education and training projects throughout Northern Indiana. This year, NIPSCO has granted a total of \$63,000. Over the past four years since this grant program was initiated, a total of 62 projects were funded, totaling \$213,000 in grant donations that positively impact safety education and programming within the NIPSCO's service territory.

This year's recipients include:

American Red Cross - Northeast Chapter, *Disaster Preparedness & Relief, serving Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties in NIPSCO service area*

American Red Cross - Northwest Chapter, *Disaster Preparedness & Relief, serving Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Starke, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski, Fulton, White, Cass, Carroll, Benton, and Warren Counties in NIPSCO service area*

District 1 Fire Training Council, *Ben's Blue Bags Autism Awareness Training*

Dunebrook, Inc., *Safe, Smarter Teens Safety Education*

Elkhart County Safe Kids, *Child Passenger Safety Consultation Program*

Griffith Police Department, *Too Good for Drugs Graduation*

Hammond Fire Department, *2021 Fire Safety Community Outreach Program*

Hobart Fire Department, *Fire Safety Education*

Huntington Township Fire Department, *Natural Gas Safety Preparedness*

La Porte County Sheriff's Office, *Unmanned Aerial Systems Program*

MSD of Boone Twp. School Corporation, *CPR/Stop the Bleed Training Program*

Pines Fire Department, *Safety Monitoring Program*

Porter Volunteer Firefighters Inc., *Lifesaving AEDs*

Purdue University Northwest, *PNW CERT Program*

Rensselaer Fire Department, *Emergency Training Center Materials*

Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department, *Firefighter Safety Preparedness*

Tri-Town Safety Village, *Keeping the Children Safe Program*

Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Department, *Fire Safety Awareness*

"At NIPSCO, our primary focus is to safely deliver reliable energy services to our customers, and we have a relentless focus on keeping our customers, communities and employees safe in everything we do," said Mike Hooper, NIPSCO President. "We always look to add layers of protection wherever possible, and programs like these are exactly the kind we want to support in their pursuit of enhanced public safety."

Information on the annual NIPSCO public safety grant opportunity is shared with communities throughout the company's 32-county service area. A selection committee comprised of several NIPSCO departments reviews applications against a set of criteria and chooses grant recipients each year. NIPSCO's goal is to support important safety initiatives as well as consider geographical areas so as many communities as possible are assisted.

"NIPSCO's fourth year offering this program led to many outstanding applications received, and we are impressed with how organizations are prioritizing safety and educational projects during these challenging times caused by the pandemic," said Karen McLean, NIPSCO public affairs and economic development manager. "Public safety education and training are very important to us at NIPSCO, and we are excited to assist these organizations in their missions."

For more information visit [NIPSCO.com/SafetyGrant](https://www.nipSCO.com/SafetyGrant).

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