

# Risk Services says “Hello” to the New Year and gets ready to roll out the 2022 COMPACT!

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Happy New Year to all of our members! With a quick flip of the calendar, we say goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022! Risk Services is in full swing, getting ready to roll out the 2022 programs. Whether programs and services are delivered virtually or in person, we always enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to engage with our members.

Thank you to the 2021 Long Range Planning Committee which met this past September to discuss WCIA staff recommendations for the 2022 COMPACT. Committee members include David Cline, City of Tukwila; Shelley Acero, City of Burlington; Adam Lincoln, City of Pullman; and Elizabeth Chamberlain, City of Walla Walla.

For the **2022 COMPACT**, members will again be presented with three options for consideration, and will work with their assigned Risk Management Representative to select the audit option that best meets the individual member’s needs. The three options for 2022 include the following:

## Option 1: Traditional Audit

The member and Risk Management Rep together will work to choose from one of three audit questionnaires. The Option 1 audit topics for 2022 are Police Liability (*new for 2022*), along with the Fleet Liability and Homelessness audits from the past year.

## Option 2: Targeted Risk Management Review

The Risk Management Rep will meet with the member and provide a Targeted Risk Management Review based upon individual member need and applicability. Topics include:

- Contract Review/ Right of Way Ordinance Review/Special Events Review/ Facility Use Agreements review
- Program review and development including senior centers, sidewalks (incorporating WCIA sidewalk tool kit), and volunteers
- Playground and park walk through and inspection for liability exposures/Parks and Recreation Programs review
- Risk 101 analysis
- Public Works (roadways emphasis)
- Personnel

### Option 3: Loss and Exposure Reduction Plan

The member will work with their assigned Rep to review their risk profile and loss runs to identify the member's top risk management priorities based upon loss history. They will then work together to develop an action plan.

#### **COMPACT Education Component**

By way of background, members are currently required to complete three trainings overall. This requirement will remain unchanged for 2022. Training requirements correlate to areas of loss experience and best risk management practices which are identified in the [COMPACT Training Topics List](#).

#### ***But wait...there is Something New for 2022!***

Delegates have always been required to attend one training each year. **New for 2022**, the Delegate or Alternate must complete one of four WCIA staff trainings: Risk Management Essentials, WCIA Coverage Programs from A to U, Contracts/Insurance Requirements, or WCIA Claims Basics. These courses will count towards the three training requirements. For details, check out the [Delegate program training link](#).

Watch for more communications in January and February as we get set to roll out the 2022 COMPACT.

#### ***And speaking of education, there is something else that's new: The WCIA Risk Management Credentialing Program!***

Not to steal Member Services' thunder as they roll out a new program, but Risk Services is excited to report that the WCIA Risk Management Committee, some 15 members strong, has worked with staff this past year to develop a Risk Management Credentialing Program. Watch for more information from Member Services as the program is rolled out in the first quarter!

#### ***And finally, put on those thinking caps as it's almost time for the annual...***

#### **WCIA Grant Program!**

WCIA is pleased to be able to once again administer the Risk Reduction Grant Program! The funding level for 2022 has increased to \$175,000 for risk mitigation grants, and stays steady at \$15,000 for staff development grants. As you start to think of projects, please keep in mind that in years past funding per project has ranged from \$1,000-\$30,000 with an average of \$10,000-\$12,000 being awarded. For 2022, members who did not receive a mitigation grant in 2021 will be eligible to submit up to two mitigation grant applications. In addition, members may also submit one staff development grant application.

Watch for more information later in January on how to apply. Start thinking about those projects now! Consideration will be given in particular to those projects linked to potential loss exposures and loss history. A list of past projects awarded grants can be found on the [WCIA website](#).

2022 looks to be a busy and exciting year, although we are still hoping for a little less excitement than the past two "unusual" years, right? We look forward to visiting the membership once again whether it's virtually or in person!