

CARBON MONOXIDE GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

TALKING POINTS

- Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning is a proven threat to Americans across the country, claiming at least 430 lives annually.
- Approximately 50,000 people are sent to emergency rooms every year due to unintentional poisonings.
- Since CO is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas, many people are initially unaware they are even being poisoned.
- Carbon monoxide poisoning can result in death, but it can also cause lifelong neurological and cardiac issues, in addition to other harmful, long-term health conditions.
- While anyone can be harmed by exposure to CO, it is especially dangerous for babies, children, elderly individuals, and individuals with preexisting chronic health conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, anemia, and respiratory issues.
- Carbon monoxide alarms can prevent death and injury by alerting people to unsafe levels of CO in their homes.

ASK

- Provide \$5 million available until expended to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for grants required by section 204 of the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-103). It is critical that this program is adequately funded to help mitigate the harmful—and even fatal —effects of CO poisoning.

