

- 1. When is the application deadline?** July 29, 2022
- 2. What does a winning application look like?** Projects or practices that are process-oriented and focus on improvement that can be shared with other AEIX members as a best practice. See samples we've provided in the [Resource Center](#).
- 3. How are the winners determined?** A committee of risk management professionals from AEIX member organizations evaluates and scores each application based on specific program criteria.
- 4. How many winners are there?** There is no set number of award or grant winners.
- 5. What is the Sylvia Moss Brown Award for Excellence?** Each year, the award submission receiving the most votes receives this honor. The award is named in memory of Sylvia Brown; a former Premier Insurance employee who developed the program more than a decade ago.
- 6. When are winners announced?** The winners are notified in the Fall following board approval.
- 7. Which application should I complete, award or grant?** Complete the **award** application if you have an improvement project or process that has been completed and has supporting documentation of success. The **grant** application should be used for proposed improvement projects that may need financial assistance to reach completion.
- 8. How will our project or practice be showcased?** Sharing best practices is a hallmark of AEIX. Award winners are invited to present at the Premier Annual Breakthroughs Conference & Exhibition, held annually in June.
- 9. Are there restrictions on how grant money can be used?** Grant money is intended to support the development of a new project or practice, and should not be used, for example, to hire new staff, pay existing staff salaries or purchase IT products. The program's goal is to encourage projects that can be easily shared with other AEIX members. Examples of successful grant application can be found in the Resource Center.
- 10. How can I improve my chance of success?** When you respond to any question concerning how the project has reduced liability and improved safety, answer specifically. A common response is "safety will be improved and liability will be reduced," but the answer needs to specify what aspects are being improved and how liability would be reduced. You should also define your metrics carefully. Simply saying that "things got better" or "that they are expected to improve" is not specific enough. A better example is "neonatal mortality associated with maternal hemorrhage has declined 25% in a manner that is clearly associated with the project strategies."
- 11. What characteristics are shared by successful applications from previous years?** The level of competition has been stiff in prior years, with many applicants meeting the basic criteria for awards and grants. The characteristics that separate the winners have included: evidence of true innovation (e.g., introduction of a best practice which has not been implemented in other organizations) and clarity of the application