The Life Safety Program Criteria

Excerpt from Life Safety Funding Project Eligibility Criteria, dated 3/90.

Projects eligible for Life Safety Funding should generally meet all of the following criteria:

1. An unsafe/unhealthful condition is, or may be, caused by a deficient facility condition that creates a serious and immediate endangerment of people.

2. The facility condition, originally installed or constructed appropriately, is now considered unsafe due to increasingly stringent codes or other requirements, including in-house University standards. In general, older facilities are assumed to have been built properly.

3. The unsafe/unhealthful condition may not be caused by a change in size or scope of the work being done in the facility, or by a change in the program itself (i.e., a new occupant), but must be a continuation of an existing operation or line of research.

4. Any Life Safety project must be the best life cycle and cost effective solution.

The following will not normally be given Life Safety Funding:

1. Portable equipment and vehicles are unusually not eligible.

2. New facility upgrades are not normally eligible.

3. Funding is not provided for physical movement of existing programs. Relocated programs must be moved into suitable facilities; monies for making the new facility comply with the current standards are not available from Life Safety Funding.

4. Life Safety Funding is not to be used as a substitute for normal or deferred maintenance that are the funding responsibility of the campus operation budget.

5. Larger health and safety projects, those costing $100,000 and over, are generally too large for Life Safety Funding and should be recommended for another source of funding such as a special appropriation or capital improvement funding.