

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Distribution of Hazardous)
Material Training Grants.) Case No. 08-633-TR-UNC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, provides that the first eight hundred thousand dollars in civil forfeitures collected under this section shall be credited to the hazardous materials transportation fund. This section also sets forth the manner in which moneys credited to the hazardous materials transportation fund shall be distributed by the Commission.
- (2) Under Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, fifty percent of the hazardous materials transportation fund is distributed to Cleveland State University for its training program for public safety and emergency services personnel in proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials releases that occur during transportation or otherwise. The remainder of the fund is to be distributed to other educational institutions, state agencies, and political subdivisions that have training programs for public safety and emergency services personnel in proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials releases that occur during transportation or otherwise.
- (3) Based upon this criterion, the Commission staff recommends that five grant applicants be awarded a portion of their requested grant. The applicants and the award amounts are identified in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. These grants are to be made on a reimbursement basis, i.e., applicants will be reimbursed up to the dollar amount awarded, for expenses incurred in implementing their hazardous materials response training programs after submission by the applicant of the documentation for those expenses. The total amount of the recommended grants is \$107,410.00.
- (4) All grant requests were reviewed by a committee of staff persons, and priority was given to counties that had not previously received grant funds, county training needs that are unique because of

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specific hazardous materials issues, train-the-trainer courses and joint applications by counties or agencies. These determinations were made pursuant to course descriptions by the grantee and additional literature provided by the grantee and additional literature provided by the course instructor.

- (5) The grant applications contained requests for the funding of hazardous materials training exercises. Hazardous materials training exercises involve hands-on experience that allows emergency response personnel the opportunity to respond to a hazardous materials incident in a controlled environment which aids proper coordination among emergency response agencies.
- (6) The Commission finds that the training grants should be awarded as set forth in the Attachment.

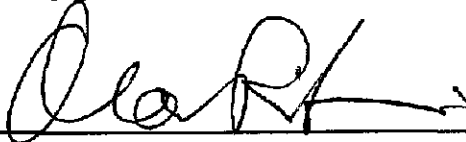
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, pursuant to Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, the hazardous materials training grants set forth in this Finding and Order be awarded to the applicants and in the amounts set forth in the Attachment. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the grants be distributed on a reimbursement basis as set forth in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each of the applicants identified in the Attachment.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



Alan R. Schriber, Chairman



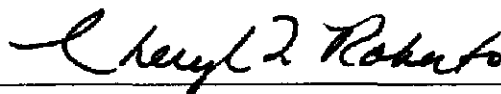
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ATTACHMENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS

June 2008

Columbus State Community College

Franklin County

Columbus State Community College is requesting grant funding towards OSHA 40-Hour Hazwoper Technician Course and Technician Refresher course for First Responders. These courses will provide training for 250 emergency responders in the county and surrounding areas. There will be a total of 10 courses provided with four Technician courses and six Technician Refresher courses spread through the four sessions of the College. The training will be administered by the Institute of Public Safety and Health within the College. The grantee is contributing \$5,500 toward the materials required for the course. The applicant is requesting \$54,450 to provide the training for four Technician courses and six Technician Refresher courses.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.

The total award is \$54,450.

Franklin County Emergency Management Agency

Franklin County

The Franklin County Emergency Management Agency is requesting grant funding for training in a 4-Hour Hazardous Materials Refresher workshop, an 8-Hour Hazardous Materials Refresher workshop, and an 8-Hour Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher Workshop. The training will be provided by the University of Findlay for Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and other response staff. Seventy-Five students will be trained at a facility in Franklin County. The applicant is requesting \$8,040 the course.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.

The total award is \$8,040.

Northwest Area Strike Team

Franklin County

The Northwest Area Strike Team is requesting grant funding for a Monitoring Fundamentals course to be provided by the Public Safety Institute at Columbus State Community College. The Strike Team is comprised of seven Fire Departments who will all benefit from the training. The training will be provided to 450 Fire Service members of the Strike Team. The applicant is requesting \$10,800 for the course.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.

The total award is \$10,800.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Franklin County

The Ohio EPA is requesting funding for a Hazmat IQ training course. This course will educate EPA employees in interpreting hazardous materials and the use of the equipment while responding to incidents. The course will educate 30 EPA Emergency Responders, Criminal Investigators and Hazardous Waste Inspectors. The training will be provided by the Hazmat IQ Company based from Washington, D.C., and Miami, Florida. The applicant is requesting \$7,000 for the courses.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.

The total award is \$7,000.

Beavercreek Township Fire Department

Greene County

The Beavercreek Township Fire Department is requesting funding to provide Hazardous Materials Operations, Operations Refresher, Hazardous Materials Technician, and Technician Refresher courses. The training will be provided by Cleveland State University at the Fire Department through various shift cycles. There will be a combination of 16 courses provided to the responders. The applicant is requesting \$27,120 instruction costs for the courses.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.

The total award is \$27,120.