

**BEFORE**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Distribution of )  
Hazardous Material Training Grants. ) Case No. 11-1241-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, 50 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 eight grant applicants be awarded grants in the amounts indicated 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 approximately \$290,282. Grants awarded range from \$1,695 to \$200,000 and will provide training that will be received by more than 1,000 hazardous material incident response professionals.

- (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 specific hazardous materials issues, train-the-trainer courses and joint applications by counties or agencies. Applications were denied and/or modified after committee review which determined that the applicant requested funding for equipment that was not essential for training purposes, courses that were not sufficiently related to the transportation of hazardous materials, as required by Section 4905.83, Revised Code, and/or courses that involve unnecessary out-of-state travel when a comparable in-state course is available. These determinations were made pursuant to course descriptions by the grantee and additional literature provided by the grantee and 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 described in this Finding and Order be awarded to the applicants 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.

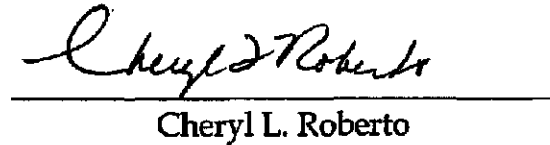
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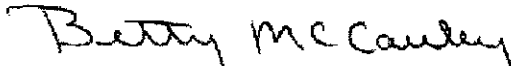
  
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Attachment

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Betty McCauley  
Secretary

## ATTACHMENT

### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS April 2011**

#### **1) City of Toledo - Division of Environmental Services Lucas County**

The City of Toledo is requesting grant funding to train emergency responders in an Emergency Response Refresher Course and Hazmat IQ Technician Course. These courses will train Fire Services, Law Enforcement, SERC/LEPC members and Emergency Managers. There will be 130 responders trained as a result of these courses. Owens Center for Emergency Preparedness and Hazmat IQ will provide the training to the responders on site in the Toledo area. The City of Toledo is requesting a grant of \$11,575 for expenses to provide the training in the Toledo area.

Staff recommends funding for the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$ 9,580.**

#### **2) Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council Franklin County**

The Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) is requesting grant funding to provide training to staff within 42 governmental organizations in Franklin County. The courses requested includes Advanced Hazmat IQ, Hazmat IQ Air Monitoring, Hazmat IQ Tox-Medic Training and Hazmat IQ First Responder Offensive. There will be 120 students trained in these courses consisting of Law Enforcement, Fire Service, EMS and Emergency Managers. Hazmat IQ will provide the instructors at a Franklin County facility for the courses requested. CEPAC is requesting a grant of \$18,800 to provide the training. The council is contributing \$6,000 to the expense of the requested training.

Staff recommends funding for the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$15,440.**

**3) The Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit**  
**Hamilton County**

The Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit is requesting grant funding to provide a 306/307 Cargo Tank Workshop. The Michigan State Police will provide two courses to train students in risk-based response involving cargo tanks and hands on exercises to facilitate use of the training provided. The courses will train 48 Fire Service, Law Enforcement, EMS and Hazmat personnel. The Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit is requesting a grant of \$5,359.80 to provide the training.

Staff recommends funding for the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$4,687.20.**

**4) Shawnee Township Fire Department**  
**Allen County**

The Shawnee Township Fire Department is requesting funding to provide Xtreme Industrial Fire and Hazard Training. This workshop will be provided by Williams Fire and Hazard Control in Beaumont, Texas. The training will educate the attendees in Flammable Liquid firefighting and allow them to bring the knowledge back to further educate their department. There are two fire service personnel requesting to participate in the training program. The Shawnee Township Fire Department is requesting a grant of \$1,695 to attend the training exercise. The Fire Department is contributing \$3,395 towards the expense of requested training.

Staff recommends funding for the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$1,695.**

**5) Clearcreek Fire District**  
**Warren County**

The Clearcreek Fire District is requesting funding to provide Xtreme Industrial Fire and Hazard Training. This workshop will be provided by Williams Fire and Hazard Control in Beaumont, Texas. The training will educate the attendees in Flammable Liquid firefighting and allow them to bring the knowledge back to further educate their department. There are three fire service personnel requesting to participate in the training program. The Shawnee Township Fire Department is requesting a grant of \$5,085 to attend the training exercise. The Fire Department is contributing \$3,600 towards the expense of requested training.

Staff recommends funding for the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$4,468.**

**6) City of Franklin – Division of Fire**  
**Allen County**

The City of Franklin, Division of Fire is requesting funding to provide Xtreme Industrial Fire and Hazard Training. This workshop will be provided by Williams Fire and Hazard Control in Beaumont, Texas. The training will educate the attendees in Flammable Liquid firefighting and allow them to bring the knowledge back to further educate their department. There are two fire service personnel requesting to participate in the training program. The City of Franklin, Division of Fire is requesting a grant of \$3,390 to attend the training exercise. The Division of Fire is contributing \$2,400 towards the expense of requested training.

Staff recommends funding for the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$3,112.**

**7) Owens State Community College**  
**Wood County**

Owens State Community College is requesting grant funding jointly with 16 City and Township Fire Departments in Wood, Lucas, Fulton, Ottawa and Hancock counties. The courses requested included Hazardous Materials Operations and Hazardous Materials Technician courses. There will be 195 students trained in these courses consisting of Law Enforcement, Fire Service, EMS and Emergency Managers. The training will occur at the Center for Emergency Preparedness by staff of the Community College. Owens State Community College is requesting a grant of \$42,720 to provide the training and \$21,796 in equipment expenses. The Community College is contributing \$6,090 to the expense of the requested training.

Staff recommends funding for only the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$34,576.**

**8) The University of Findlay**  
**Hancock County**

The University of Findlay is requesting grant funding to provide 47 courses to Emergency Responders at the All Hazards Training Center and for traveling to Fire Departments requesting response training throughout Ohio. The training includes general emergency response formats of four Awareness courses, eight Operations courses, five Technician courses and ten Refresher courses. Additionally specialized classes will be provided with four Incident Command courses, ten Rail Hazmat Response courses, three National Incident Management Systems ICS 300 Intermediate courses and three National Incident Management Systems ICS 400 Advanced courses. Their classes will provide an opportunity for a minimum of 10 participants to be trained in each course offered. There will be over 470 Fire Service personnel trained after the completion of these training courses. The University of Findlay is requesting a grant of \$248,525 towards the expense of requested training.

Staff recommends funding for the instructional cost of the requested training.  
**The total award is \$216,724.**

*Interest in the Hazardous Materials Training Grant Program in the 2010-2011 year has increased within Ohio as a source for helping area responders meet their hazardous materials training requirements. Since our available funds have not changed, it was determined to give each applicant meeting the grant requirements a base award of \$2000. All additional amounts of funding applied for by the grantee, will receive an equal percentage of the remaining funding requested. This will allow more training to be provided to more emergency response agencies throughout the state.*