

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Hazardous Materials)
Training Grant Program Award.) Case No. 14-0921-TR-UNC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) R.C. 4921.21(B)(2) provides that the first \$800,000 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 R.C. 4921.21(B)(2), 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, Staff recommends that two 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 \$130,200. The grants awarded will potentially train up to 2,000 hazardous material incident response professionals.

- (4) All grant requests were reviewed by Staff 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, 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,

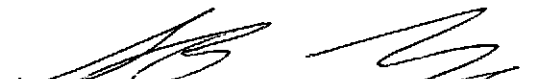
ORDERED, That, pursuant to R.C. 4921.21(B)(2), the hazardous materials training grants described in this Finding and Order be awarded to the applicants in the amounts set forth in the Attachment. It is, further


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.

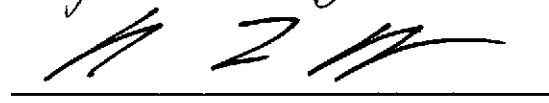
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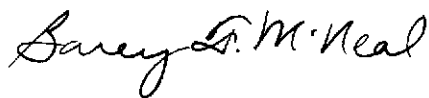

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS

June 2014

1) Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC)

Franklin County

The Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) requests grant funding to conduct a hazardous materials tabletop exercise and a commodity flow study. The table top exercise, conducted at the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, will train the Local Emergency Planning Committee and supporting response departments so that they are better prepared to respond to hazardous materials incidents. The commodity flow study will provide an assessment of the volume of hazardous materials traveling within and through Franklin County. This assessment will be shared with responders in the county and provide vital information for fire service, law enforcement, and emergency management personal to prepare for potential incidents within the county. CEPAC requests a grant for \$65,000 for these events.

The Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council award is \$65,000.

2) Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (CSTCC)

Adam, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren County

The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (CSTCC) requests grant funding towards conducting an 8 hour Hazmat Annual Refresher Course and a 40 hour Hazmat Technician Course. The courses, conducted at CSTCC, will train 351 fire service, law enforcement, and emergency managers from six counties. The grantee will contribute \$13,000 towards the training and equipment expenses for these courses. CTCC requests a grant for \$74,625 for the remainder of the instructional costs.

The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College award is \$65,199.40, the remaining funds for this fiscal year.