

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Hazardous Materials)
Training Grant Program Award.) Case No. 16-0497-TR-UNC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) R.C. 4923.99 provides for the Commission to assess civil forfeitures for violations of R.C. Chapters 4921 and 4923, and rules adopted thereunder. R.C. 4921.21(B)(2) provides that the first \$800,000 in civil forfeitures collected under R.C. 4923.99 for violations of rules applicable to the highway transportation of hazardous materials shall be credited to the public utilities transportation safety fund. This section also sets forth the manner in which such funds shall be distributed by the Commission for the purposes of emergency response planning.
- (2) Under R.C. 4921.21(B)(2), 50 percent of such funds are 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 is distributed to other educational institutions, regional planning commissions, 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) Historically, entities interested in receiving grants from the fund have submitted applications to the Commission. Information regarding the grant program and application materials is provided on the Commission's website. All requests are reviewed by a committee of staff members including the director of the transportation department, and representatives from the enforcement and compliance

divisions of the transportation department. Priority is 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 are denied and/or modified after committee review, if it is determined that the applicant requested funding for equipment that is not essential for training purposes, courses that are 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 are made pursuant to course descriptions and additional literature provided by the applicant and the course instructor.

- (4) During this grant cycle, seven applicants submitted grant requests. Based upon the above criterion, Staff recommends that all seven applicants be awarded grants in the amounts indicated in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. Since grant requests exceeded available funding during this grant cycle, Staff recommends that all applicants be awarded course, manual, and facility costs associated with their grant requests. 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 \$229,796.
- (5) The Commission finds that the applications for hazardous materials training grants are reasonable and should be awarded as recommended by Staff. Accordingly, Staff should award the training grants on a reimbursement basis to the selected applicants as set forth in this Finding and Order and in the Attachment.

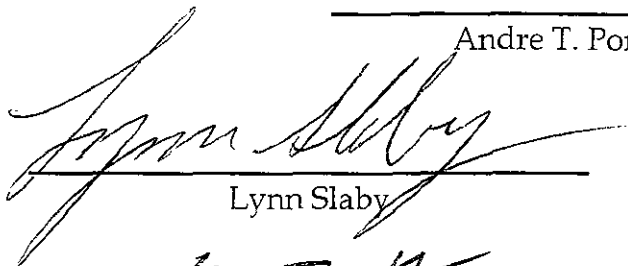
It is, therefore,

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.

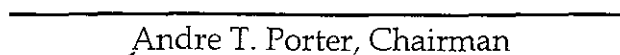
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS****April 2016**

Due to the popularity of the Hazardous Materials Training and Planning Grant Program during this grant cycle, grant requests exceeded available funding. Staff recommends that all applicants be awarded only course, manual, and facility costs associated with the grant requests. This allows all applicants to provide necessary emergency response training in the areas served.

1) Clermont County Emergency Management Agency and Local Emergency Planning Committee**Clermont County**

The Clermont County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) requests grant funding to conduct the county's LEPC hazardous materials functional exercise to implement and review the county's hazardous material spill response plan. The exercise presents a realistic emergency scenario that engages first response personnel. Fire service responders, law enforcement officers, planning committee members, and emergency managers will be involved in the design and execution of the exercise. The exercise will assist responders in coordinating emergency response personnel throughout the county. The grantee is contributing \$5,250 to cover course expenses. Clermont County EMA and LEPC requests a grant for \$5,250 for this exercise.

The Clermont County EMA and LEPC is awarded exercise design and implementation costs of \$4,200.

2) Cincinnati State Technical and Community College**Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren counties**

The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College requests grant funding towards conducting the 8 hour Hazmat Annual Refresher courses and 40 hour Hazmat Technician courses. The courses will be offered by the college and will be conducted at a training facility on the Cincinnati State campus. The courses will train approximately 435 fire service responders, law enforcement officers, and response committee members. The grantee is contributing \$10,099 towards course expenses. The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College requests a grant for \$120,825 for the instructional costs of conducting the course.

The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College is awarded instructional costs of \$75,000.

3) Clinton County Local Emergency Planning Committee**Clinton County**

The Clinton County LEPC requests grant funding to conduct a hazardous materials functional exercise to implement and review the county's hazardous material spill response plan. The exercise presents a realistic emergency scenario that engages first response personnel. Fire service responders, law enforcement officers, planning committee members, hospital response staff, health department staff, and emergency managers will be involved in the design and

execution of the exercise. The exercise will assist responders in coordinating emergency response personnel throughout the county. Clinton County LEPC requests a grant for \$26,303.18 for this exercise.

The Clinton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is awarded instructional and training manual costs of \$19,596.

4) Wyandot County Emergency Management Agency

Wyandot County

The Wyandot County EMA requests grant funding towards conducting a 24 hour Hazmat Technician course, Emergency Response Hazmat Specialist course, Hazmat Refresher course, Hazmat Operations course, and a Hazmat Awareness course. The course will be presented by Hazmat Ohio, LLC, and will train approximately 89 fire service and EMS responders. The grantee is contributing \$1,995 towards course expenses. The Wyandot County EMA requests a grant for \$20,000 for the costs of conducting the course.

The Wyandot County Emergency Management Agency is awarded instructional costs of \$16,000.

5) Wayne County Regional Training Facility

Wayne County

The Wayne County Regional Training Facility requests grant funding towards conducting a Hazmat Technician course, Emergency Response Hazmat Specialist Ammonia course, and six Hazmat Refresher courses. The courses will be presented by Hazmat Ohio, LLC, at the regional training facility and will train approximately 160 fire service and EMS responders including volunteer firefighters. The Wayne County Regional Training Facility requests a grant for \$36,000 for the costs of conducting the course.

The Wayne County Regional Training Facility is awarded instructional costs of \$20,000

6) City of Toledo – Division of Environmental Services

Lucas County

The City of Toledo, Division of Environmental Services requests grant funding towards providing an 8 hour Hazmat Refresher course, Radiation Awareness Training, Hazmat Awareness course, Emergency Response to Transportation Incidents Training, Emergency Response to Booby Traps course, Hazmat IQ Above/Below the Line course, Hazmat IQ First Responder Offensive course, Hazmat Safety Officer course, and a 40 hour Hazmat Technician course. The courses will be presented by Owens Community College, The Ohio Fire Academy, Hazmat IQ Federal Resources, University of Findlay, and John Flegal, a private training provider. These courses will train approximately 700 emergency responders in the Toledo area. The City of Toledo, Division of Environmental Services requests a grant for \$43,340 for the costs of conducting the course.

The City of Toledo – Division of Environmental Services is awarded instructional costs of \$20,000.

7) University of Findlay

Hancock County

The University of Findlay requests grant funding to conduct several hazardous materials courses for volunteer fire departments throughout Ohio. The courses include a Hazmat Operations course, 24 hour Emergency Response Technician course, Emergency Response Refresher course, 24 hour Incident Commander course, 16 hour Rail Hazmat Response course, 8 hour Confined Space Entry course, 24 hour Confined Space Rescue course, and a Hazmat Chemistry for the Non-Chemist course. There will be 56 courses made available to emergency responders during the 2016-2017 education cycle. The University of Findlay requests a grant for \$285,365 for the instructional costs of conducting the courses.

The University of Findlay is awarded instructional costs of \$75,000.