

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Distribution of)
Hazardous Material Training Grants.) Case No. 09-140-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 nine 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 \$500,000. Grants awarded range from \$2500 to over \$240,000 and will provide training that will be received by more than 3000 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

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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 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.

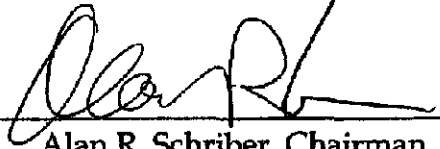
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, pursuant to Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, the hazardous materials training grants 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.

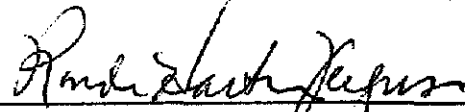
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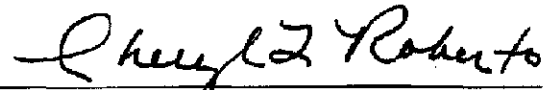
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ATTACHMENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS March 2009

Ohio Turnpike Commission Cuyahoga County

The Ohio Turnpike Commission is requesting grant funding towards a Transport and Use of Alternative Fuels in the State of Ohio course. This course will be developed and taught over the course of a two-year year period at various locations throughout the state. The main objective of the training will be that all roadways in the State of Ohio will be safer for the citizens and first responders will be able to bring an emergency incident involving alternative fuels to an appropriate and safe conclusion. A projected class sized will be 35 students including fire service, law enforcement, EMS, and variety of other first responders. There will be 25 courses provided with three courses per year along the Ohio turnpike (totaling six), ten courses over two years in the most populated areas within Ohio, and nine courses distributed to locations based on the recommendations of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The Turnpike is partnering with OEMA and ODOT to help develop the curriculum to the specialized needs determined by the various training locations. The applicant is requesting funding to provide the training and do curriculum development, \$42,000.

**Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$42,000.**

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College Hamilton County

The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College is submitting a joint grant application with the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association and the Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Regional Hazmat Team. They are jointly requesting grant funding to provide emergency response training in Hamilton County and surrounding areas. Courses include a 40-hour Hazardous Materials Technician Course, an eight-hour Hazardous Materials Refresher Course, and an eight-hour Hazardous Materials Operations Course. The training will be provided to Fire Service and Law Enforcement personnel in the area. The 310 students will be trained at the Community College facility. The grantee is contributing \$11,150 in equipment and training expenses toward the training. The applicant is requesting funding for the instruction costs associated with the courses, \$98,850.

**Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$98,850.**

City of Toledo - Division of Environmental Services
Lucas County

The City of Toledo is requesting grant funding to train emergency responders in a Hazmat Specialized Chemistry Program provided by Hazmat IQ and an eight-hour Emergency Responder Refresher Course provided on site by The University of Findlay. The chemistry training will be provided for 60 Emergency Responders and the Refresher course will train 100 Fire Service, Law Enforcement, SERC/LEPC Members, and other area public emergency responders. The applicant is requesting funding for training costs associated with the courses, \$18,750.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$18,750.

Henry County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Henry County

The Henry County LEPC is requesting grant funding to provide four training opportunities for responders within Henry County. These include the Midwest Hazardous Materials Response Conference for four Fire Service and one LEPC Member; a Hazmat Specialized Chemistry Program provided by Hazmat IQ for 30 Fire Service, Law Enforcement and Emergency Managers; a Command School Training Program and Exercise for 50 Fire Service, Law Enforcement, EMS and other First Responders; and an Awareness training for EMTs provided by The University of Findlay for 40 EMS personnel. The training will assist the County LEPC in providing additional expertise to area emergency responders who do not have the budget to participate in these programs. The applicant is requesting funding associated with the training, \$16,618.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$16,618.

Northwest Area Strike Team
Franklin County

The Northwest Area Strike Team is requesting grant funding to stage a Surviving the Hazmat Experience training simulation course. The Strike Team is comprised of seven fire departments who will all benefit from the training. There will be 75-100 participants in this experience including Fire Service/EMS, Law Enforcement, Emergency Managers, EMA staff and Ohio Health Department staff. The grantee is contributing \$1000 towards the cost of this training. The applicant is requesting the remaining training costs for the course, \$2,500.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$2,500.

Beavercreek Township Fire Department
Greene County

The Beavercreek Township Fire Department is requesting funding for five courses. The courses include: Hazardous Materials Technician course; a Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations course for Fire Service, Law Enforcement, EMS and Emergency Managers; a Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher course; a Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher course for Fire Service, Law Enforcement and EMS personnel; and, additionally, a Confined Space Rescue course is also requested for Fire Service personnel. The training will be provided by Cleveland State University at the Fire Department through various shift cycles. These courses will educate 203 students in hazardous materials and refresher training. The applicant is requesting partial instruction costs for the courses, \$38,985.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$38,985.

Franklin County Emergency Management Agency
Franklin County

The Franklin County Emergency Management Agency is requesting grant funding to train emergency responders in a Hazmat Specialized Chemistry Program provided by Hazmat IQ. The training will be provided for 90 Fire Service, EMS, Emergency Managers, EPA Staff and Health Department Staff. There will be six classes provided for the responders. The applicant is requesting instruction costs for the courses, \$29,700.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$29,700.

Seneca County Emergency Planning
Seneca County

The Seneca County Emergency Planning Agency is requesting grant funding jointly with Tiffin Fire Division. The Confidence in the Hot Zone training will be provided by Safe Transportation Training Specialist for 75 Fire Service personnel. The grantee is requesting a series of three courses; they have allowed availability for other responders interested in the surrounding areas to join these classes. The grantee is contributing \$1,949 towards training, equipment and meals for the participants. The applicant is requesting instruction costs for the courses, \$11,500.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$11,500.

The University of Findlay
Hancock County

The University of Findlay is requesting grant funding to provide 48 courses to Emergency Responders at their training facility and traveling to departments requesting response training throughout Ohio. The training includes general emergency response with five Awareness, 11 Operations, eight Technician and nine Refresher courses. Additionally specialized courses in four Incident Commander, seven Rail Hazmat Response, two NIMS ICS 300 Intermediate and two NIMS ICS 400 Advanced will be offered. There will be a minimum of 15 participants trained in each course offered. The grantee is requesting funding towards instruction cost, equipment and manuals for course participants. The applicant is requesting \$ 241,790.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.
The total award is \$241,790.