

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Distribution of)
Hazardous Material Training Grants.) Case No. 13-1238-TR-UNC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Section 4921.21(B)(2), 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 4921.21(B)(2), 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 (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 the applicant submits documentation for those expenses. The total amount of the recommended grants is approximately \$117,400. Grants awarded range

from \$2,500 to \$20,250 and will provide training that could potentially train up to 2,000 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, 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 that allow emergency response personnel the opportunity to respond to a hazardous materials incident in a controlled environment. The hands-on experience aids proper coordination among emergency response agencies.
- (6) The Commission finds that the training grants be awarded as set forth in the Attachment.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, pursuant to Section 4921.21(B)(2), 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.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS

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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 the course costs associated with the grant requests, up to \$20,250. This allows all applicants to provide partial necessary emergency response training in the areas served.

1) Boardman Township Fire Department

Mahoning County

The Boardman Township Fire Department requests grant funding to conduct Hazmat 40-hour Technician, Alternative Fuels, and Incident Command courses. The courses will be conducted at the fire department's facility and could train up to 234 fire service, law enforcement, and emergency management students. The Boardman Township Fire Department requests a grant for \$29,687 for the instructional cost of conducting the courses. Since the maximum award this grant cycle is \$20,250, the grantee will either need to supplement the awarded funds or reduce the approved training accordingly.

The Boardman Township Fire Department award is \$20,250.

2) Chagrin/Southeast Council of Governments

Cuyahoga County

The Chagrin/Southeast Council of Governments requests grant funding towards conducting the Ohio Hazmat Teams Conference 2013. The conference offers various refresher training courses to emergency responders taught by national, state, and regional instructors. The conference will provide training for 300 emergency response staff. The grantee is contributing \$3,000 towards the instructional cost. The Chagrin/Southeast Council of Governments requests a grant for \$17,000 for the cost of conducting the courses.

The Chagrin/Southeast Council of Governments award is \$17,000.

3) City of Cleveland Division of Fire

Cuyahoga County

The City of Cleveland Division of Fire requests grant funding to conduct Confined Space, Hazardous Materials Chlorine/Other Gas Emergencies, and Alternative Fuels courses. The courses will be provided by staff from Cleveland State University and conducted at the fire department facility. The courses could train up to 344 emergency response staff. The City of Cleveland Division of Fire requests a grant for \$27,029 for the instructional cost of conducting

the requested courses. Since the maximum award this grant cycle is \$20,250, the grantee will either need to supplement the awarded funds or reduce the approved training accordingly.

The City of Cleveland Division of Fire award is \$20,250.

4) City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services

Lucas County

The City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services requests grant funding for several hazardous materials courses. The courses include Hazmat IQ, Oil Spill Booming, Hazardous Materials Chemistry, Hazardous Materials Refresher, and Emergency Response to Booby Traps, Cameo, and Emergency Response Awareness. The courses will be provided by the University of Findlay, Hazmat IQ, and Elemental Services & Consulting Company. The courses could train up to 750 fire emergency response staff. The City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services requests a grant for \$63,870 for the cost of conducting these courses. Since the maximum award this grant cycle is \$20,250, the grantee will either need to supplement the awarded funds or reduce the approved training accordingly.

The City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services award is \$20,250.

5) Columbus Division of Fire

Franklin County

The Columbus Division of Fire requests grant funding to conduct the Ohio Hazmat Officer course for 60 fire service staff. The course will be taught onsite at the fire department training facility. The grantee is contributing \$2,736 towards training expenses. The Columbus Division of Fire requests a grant for \$6,000 for the instructional cost of conducting the courses.

The Columbus Division of Fire award is \$6,000.

6) Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

Montgomery and Greene County

The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team requests grant funding for a Gasoline Cargo Tank Emergencies Workshop course. The course will be conducted at a location in Dayton. The courses will be provided by Safe Transportation Training Specialists and will train 90 fire service, law enforcement, and EMS staff. The grantee is contributing \$9,399 towards the training expenses. The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team requests a grant for \$2,500 for the instructional cost of conducting the courses.

The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team award is \$2,500.

7) Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit

Hamilton County

The Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit requests grant funding for Hazmat IQ Above the Line, Below the Line course. The course will be provided by Hazmat IQ and be conducted onsite at the Cincinnati Fire Department. The course will train 60 emergency response students. The grantee is contributing \$1,000 towards the training expenses. The Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit requests a grant for \$10,900 for the instructional cost of conducting the courses.

The Greater Cincinnati Hazardous Materials Unit award is \$10,900.

8) Summit County Special Operations Response Team

Summit County

The Summit County Special Operations Response Team requests grant funding for several hazardous materials courses. The courses include Hazmat IQ Above the Line, Below the Line, and Hazmat IQ Tox-Medic. The courses will train 180 fire service staff. The courses will be provided by Hazmat IQ at a facility provided by the Summit County Special Operations Response Team. The Summit County Special Operations Response Team is requesting a grant for \$32,700 for the instructional cost of conducting the courses. Since the maximum award this grant cycle is \$20,250, the grantee will either need to supplement the awarded funds or reduce the approved training accordingly.

The Summit County Special Operations Response Team award is \$20,250.