

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Hazardous Materials)
Training Grant Program Award.) Case No. 13-2327-TR-UNC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) R.C. 4921.21(B)(2) 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 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 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 \$334,550. Grants awarded range from

\$2,500 to \$218,112 and will provide training that could potentially train up to 2,300 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

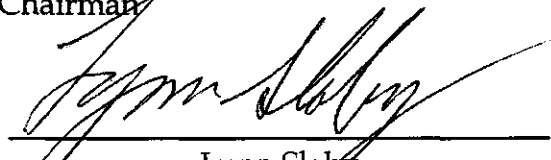
ORDERED, That the grants be distributed on a reimbursement basis as set forth in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each of the applicants identified in the Attachment.


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS December 2013

Due to the popularity of the Hazardous Materials Training and Planning Grant Program during this grant cycle, grant requests exceeded available funding this cycle. Staff recommends that all applicants be awarded the course costs associated with the grant requests. All grant requests will be awarded full funding up to \$25,000. Any amount over \$25,000 will be awarded at 80% of the remaining amount of the request. This allows all applicants to provide necessary emergency response training in the areas served.

1) Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) Franklin County

The Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) requests grant funding for a table top exercise and Hazmat IQ courses. The table top exercise, provided by Armada, will train the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and supporting response departments, and will feature a simulated incident involving the transport of a hazardous chemical to a fixed facility. The courses provided by Hazmat IQ will train a total of 60 emergency responders. CEPAC requests a grant for \$24,200 for the instructional costs of conducting the courses and conducting the exercise.

The CEPAC award is \$24,200.

2) Cumberland Trail Fire District #4 Belmont County

The Cumberland Trail Fire District requests grant funding to conduct Hazmat IQ Air Monitoring training. The course will be provided by staff from Hazmat IQ and conducted at the fire department facility. The course will train a total of 40 fire service students. The Cumberland Trail Fire District requests a grant for \$6,950 for the instructional costs of conducting the course.

The Cumberland Trail Fire District #4 award is \$6,950.

3) Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Montgomery/Greene County

The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team requests grant funding to conduct Tank Truck Emergencies workshops. The workshops will be provided by staff from Safe Transportation Safety Specialists and conducted at the response team's facility. The workshops will provide training for a total of 90 fire service, law enforcement, EMS, and other emergency response professionals. The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team requests a grant for \$2,500 for the instructional costs of conducting the course. The workshops will also be

funded through a federal Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant for \$9,399 as contributing funds to the expense of the training.

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

4) Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency/LEPC
Hamilton County

The Hamilton County EMA/LEPC requests grant funding to conduct a table top training exercise. The exercise will train the EMA/LEPC and supporting response departments, and will feature a simulated incident involving the transportation of hazardous materials. The exercise will be facilitated by Tetra Tech and will provide training for 70 fire service, law enforcement, and other emergency response professionals. The Hamilton County EMA/LEPC requests a grant for \$9,800 for the instructional costs of conducting the exercise.

The Hamilton County EMA/LEPC award is \$9,800.

5) Paulding County LEPC
Paulding County

The Paulding County LEPC requests grant funding to conduct a Hazmat IQ course. The course will be provided by staff from Hazmat IQ and conducted at the LEPC facility. The course will provide training for a total of 25 fire service, law enforcement, EMS, and other emergency response professionals. The Paulding County LEPC requests a grant for \$5,950 for the instructional costs of conducting the course.

The Paulding County LEPC award is \$5,950.

6) Summit County Special Operations Response Team
Summit County

The Summit County Special Operations Response Team requests grant funding to conduct three Tank Truck Emergencies workshops. The workshops will be provided by staff from Safe Transportation Safety Specialists and conducted at the response team's facility. The workshops will train a total of 90 fire service students. The Summit County Special Operations Response Team requests a grant for \$22,497 for the instructional costs of conducting the course.

The Summit County Special Operations Response Team award is \$22,497.

7) 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 will be provided by three different training facilitators. The Hazmat Refresher course and Emergency Response Awareness course will be provided by Owens Community College. The Emergency Response Awareness course, Emergency Response to Transportation Related Incidents course, and RCRA Hazardous Waste Review course will be provided by the University of Findlay. The Hazmat IQ course and Advanced Hazmat IQ course will be provided by Hazmat IQ staff. The courses will provide training for 580 fire service, law enforcement, and other emergency response professionals. The City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services requests a grant for \$49,427 for the instructional costs of conducting these courses.

The City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services award is \$44,541.60.

8) The 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 Awareness, Operations, Emergency Response Technician, Emergency Response Refresher, Incident Commander, Incident Commander Refresher, Rail Hazmat Response, Hazmat Confined Space Entry, Hazmat Confined Space Rescue, and Hazmat Chemistry for the Non-Chemist. There will be 54 courses available to emergency responders at their location during the 2014 education cycle. The University of Findlay requests a grant for \$266,390 for the instructional and operating costs of conducting the courses.

The University of Findlay award is \$218,112.