

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program

Who provides the HMEP Grant funding?

- U.S. Department of Transportation / Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (US DOT / PHMSA)

Who administers the HMEP Grant for California?

- Cal EMA Secretary, Mark S. Ghilarducci – SERC Chair and HMEP Grant Authorized Agent
- Cal EMA HazMat Group, Neverley Shoemake – overall HMEP Grant Program Manager and HMEP Planning Grant Administrator
- Cal EMA Specialized Training Institute (CSTI), Dinah Davison – HMEP Training Grant Administrator

What does the HMEP Grant fund?

- The purpose of the HMEP Grant is to “increase State, Territorial, Tribal, and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations.” (*phmsa.dot.gov*)

What is the SERC’s role?

- In accordance with *49 CFR 110.30 (b)(5)(v)* – Planning and *110.30 (c)(5)(v)* - Training, the HMEP Grant application narrative will include a statement indicating that all members of the State Emergency Response Commission were provided the opportunity to review the grant application.
- Each grant cycle, all SERC members will be provided the approved Cal EMA standardized Federal Grant Award Summary and will have the opportunity to review the HMEP Grant application in its entirety upon request.

When is the federal HMEP Grant application period?

- The HMEP Grant application period begins March 1 and ends April 19, for a funding and performance period that is currently October 1 to September 30 each year.

Where is information about the HMEP Grant located?

- US DOT/PHMSA: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/grants>
- Cal EMA: <http://www.calema.ca.gov/HazardousMaterials/Pages/HMEP-Grant.aspx>

How much is the HMEP Grant award?

- The funding amount California receives is based on:

Planning Award Amounts

- (1) Number of 302 facilities filing to date;
- (2) Population (based on 2010 Census data); and
- (3) Hazardous materials truck miles within the State or Territory

Training Award Amounts

- (1) Population (based on 2010 Census data);
 - (2) Number of chemical facilities listed in the summary provided by the Bureau of Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis; and
 - (3) Highway miles (within the State or Territory)
- In the 2013-14 grant cycle the expected allocation amount is \$1,868,195 (\$738,380 Planning Award and \$1,129,815 Training Award), which represents the 80 percent Federal share of the \$2,335,244 Total Budget.

How are HMEP Grant funds spent?

- At least 75% of the HMEP Planning Award must be made available to the Local Emergency Planning Committees for sub-awards to accomplish projects that include activities such as:
 - General preparedness planning (develop, improve, and implement transportation emergency plans under Title III);
 - Hazmat commodity flow studies and hazard analysis;
 - Regional response strategy selection;
 - Hazmat drills and exercises to test State and county emergency response capabilities and identify gaps in training and planning;
- At least 75% of the HMEP Planning Award must be made available for the purpose of training public sector employees employed or used by political subdivisions within the Local Emergency Planning Committee regions.

Who is eligible to receive HMEP Planning Sub-grant funding?

- California's Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), State and Local governments, and Federally-recognized Tribal governments that have not applied directly to U.S. DOT/PHMSA for funding are eligible to apply for this grant. Local governments are defined as:

"A county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority...school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments...any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government." (49 CFR 18.3)