



## Funding Opportunity Announcement:

### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) - 2014 \$108,806**

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#### **Federal Program:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is allocating funds for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program to be used to:

- Develop, improve, and implement emergency plans
- Train public sector hazardous materials (hazmat) emergency response employees to respond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials in transportation
- Determine flow patterns of hazardous materials within a state and between states
- Determine the need within a state for regional hazardous materials emergency response teams

This program is funded by registration fees collected from hazardous materials (hazmat) shippers and carriers who offer transportation or transport certain hazmat by intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce in accordance with 49 CFR Part 107, Subpart G. These fees fund training and planning grants, monitoring and technical assistance, curriculum development, and staffing costs.

The HMEP grant program, as mandated by 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq., provides Federal financial and technical assistance to States, Territories, and Indian Tribes to “develop, improve, and carry out emergency plans” within the National Response System and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA, Title III), 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq. The program is designed to allow grantees flexibility in implementing training and planning programs that address differing needs for each location based on demographics, emergency response capability, commodity flow studies, and hazard analysis.

#### **Federal Guidelines:**

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has developed an Expenditures and Activities Guide that outlines allowable costs and general guidelines this program has to adhere to. This can be found on our website [www.riema.ri.gov/grants](http://www.riema.ri.gov/grants)



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#### **RIEMA Overview:**

In addition to the federal guidance objectives and allowable expenditures found at [www.riema.ri.gov/grants](http://www.riema.ri.gov/grants), RIEMA's objectives are identified below through gaps of the State's Commodity Flow Study and priorities included in the State's federal grant application.

- **Commodity Flow Goal: Emergency Response District Plans** - Emergency Response District Plans for the given LEPC districts. All five of the LEPC districts should be available to RIEMA and the public to increase hazardous material awareness. Additionally, these plans should be produced in a collaborative fashion, where an understanding of how resources from adjoining LEPC regions can be utilized during a hazmat incident.
- **Commodity Flow Goal: Improvement of Data** – The development of the current State Commodity Flow Study. This goal assists with determining hazardous material flow patterns into and within Rhode Island. Improving data points within the report can range from rail, marine, air, highways and other major access points.
- **Commodity Flow Goal: Needs for Regional HazMat Response Teams** – Training, equipment and planning needs to support the State's hazmat teams. This goal is to address gaps and identified needs for these teams in the areas of sustaining current trainings as well as improving trainings.
- **Grant Goal: Exercise** – In addition to the federal guidance and allowable trainings/exercises; this goal is to identify and establish a collaborative effort to provide a developed core training curriculum that focuses on state hazards for all emergency response stakeholders and then offer more focused training sessions for specific hazards by region or responder type. The goal is to utilize corrective actions and improvement plans to develop effective response plans and resources for the State.
- **Grant Goal: Emergency Response Plans** – To have eligible recipients through an LEPC district improve their response plans. This goal can pertain to not only LEPC districts overarching plans but also the specific ones it encompasses. Assessments, gap analyses, structuring policy or the actual writing of the plans are all eligible activities within this grant to improve the level of hazmat safety response within a jurisdiction, state or region.



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- **Grant Goal: Education and Outreach** – This goal focuses on attending conferences, outreach meetings and developing materials to better understand national/regional trends to adopt into the State’s planning and training objectives.

#### **Funding Available and Deadlines:**

- \$108,806 Federal and \$27,201 Non-Federal
- Period of Performance: October 15, 2014 to September 15, 2015
- \$43,522 (40%) of the federal allocation has to be used for planning objectives and \$65,283 (60%) for training objectives
- Match: 20% of all approved project costs to equal the \$27,201 non-federal

#### **Special Conditions:**

- 75% of planning and training allocations have to be made available for the benefit of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) which are identified through our State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)
- Drills and Exercises may be categorized as Planning Activities
- All eligible activities may be found in the federal grant guidance located on RIEMA’s website

#### **Eligible Recipients:**

The State of Rhode Island’s political subdivisions and federally-recognized Tribal Governments within Rhode Island that have not applied directly to US DOT/PHMSA for funding under this grant program are eligible to apply for funding. Below is the citation of eligibility:

“A county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority (including any public and Indian housing agency under the United State Housing Act of 1937), school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (where or not incorporated as a nonprofit



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corporation under State law), any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government.” (49 CFR 110.20)

#### **Application Process:**

Applications for HMEP 2014 should be submitted to RIEMA no later than **January 9, 2015**.

Applications must include:

- A completed Form 110 - Grant Detailed Budget Worksheet. (see Sub-Recipient Grant Handbook);
- A narrative, on your letterhead, describing the proposed project and objectives in as much detail as possible, as well as a timeline to complete the proposed project, including milestones; and
- Supporting match detail – HMEP is a 20% match program.

Further detail regarding RIEMA Sub-Recipient Grant Handbook, Form 110 and all available forms can be found here: <http://www.riema.ri.gov/grants/>

Applications will be awarded based on the ability to fill the objectives outlined in this Funding Opportunity Announcement, as well as meeting the guidance of the HMEP program.