

20.703 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) GRANT PROGRAM

State Project/Program: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM

**US Department of Homeland Security
 Federal Emergency Management Agency**

Federal Authorization: The Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005 Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990; Revision of Title 49, U.S.C., Annotated, Transportation; Hazardous Materials Transportation Authorization Act of 1994; Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015 (P.L. 113- 235), Public Law 103-272 & 311, 49 U.S.C U.S.C. 5101.

State Authorization: N/A

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Brief Description of Program:

The purpose of this grant program 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. The HMEP grant program was established in 1990 by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act. In 1993, PHMSA began issuing grants to assist States, Territories, and Native American 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. The HMEP grant program is designed to allow grantees the flexibility to implement training and planning programs that address differing needs for each location based on demographics, emergency response capabilities, commodity flow studies, and hazard analysis.

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State 20% Federal 80%