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Dan Duchon, Emergency Management Director
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Re: Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant Program (HMEP) Award
Grant#693JK2240018HMEP FY 2023-FY2025

Dear Mr. Duchon,

Thank you for participating in the Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant Program (HMEP). We are happy to announce your grant award for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the HMEP. Although the HMEP grant is on a 3-year grant cycle, ADEQ intends to disperse funds on an annual basis.

This letter is to notify **the amount awarded to your agency for FFY 2022-2023 is \$20,000.00.**

The project narrative submitted and approved by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is attached.

This award supports your agency's request for grant funds for FFY 2022-2023. **The grant performance period begins October 1, 2022 and ends September 30, 2023.** This award meets all of your requests. This award serves to enhance hazardous materials for training within your agency. LEPC compliance will be reviewed during the performance period for future HMEP eligibility.

Important Compliance Notes:

1. This award is for reimbursement of approved funding requests. If your request differs or your needs change during the grant performance period, please notify us as soon as possible at azserc@azdeq.gov. A request will be submitted to PHMSA for approval. Your agency should continue to work on a composite list of needs and potential work projects and keep open communication with Michele Martinez. We cannot approve any requests that have not had prior approval from PHMSA.
2. Please submit your reimbursement request(s) to us at azserc@azdeq.gov. Request(s) must include a) ADEQ HMEP reimbursement form; b) narrative of the training or planning

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exercise; c) copies of invoices/receipts and; d) the name of the organization who is requesting reimbursement.

3. Reminder that any unexpended funds will be returned to ADEQ for distribution as deemed appropriate and as approved by PHMSA. Please work with us should you anticipate that you will not be able to utilize the funds during the grant performance period.

Congratulations and we are excited to work with your agency.

Sincerely,



Laura L. Malone
Division Director
Waste Programs Division

Attachments: Project Narrative FFY 2022-2023

HMEP GRANT AWARD - YEAR 1 (693JK2240018HMEP) PROJECT NARRATIVE

Project Name	Awarded Amount	Performance Period
National Association of Sara Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) Conference	\$6,000 3-attendees	10/1/2022-9/30/2023
HAZMAT Exercise Series & Hazmat Plan	\$6,000 – 50 participants	10/1/2022-9/30/2023
National HAZWOPER Foundation – OSHA 40 -Hour HAZWOPER Certification	\$8,000 – 10 attendees	10/1/2022-9/30/2023
Total Award	\$20,000	

The National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) is made up of members and staff of State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), various federal agencies and private industry. Members include state, tribal or local government employees with Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (EPCRA) program responsibilities, such as health, occupational safety, first response, environmental, and emergency management agencies.

Cochise County would like conduct a series of HSEEP compliant HAZMAT exercises (workshop, TTX, and Full-Scale exercises) for the county to take place over the two years. This project would fund hiring a consultant (following established county/state procurement rules) to write and conduct the exercises. These exercises would incorporate emergency response partners and the county's HAZMAT team as well as the regional HAZMAT team to train on collaborative response. The exercises will also include training and use of the county's HAZMAT equipment and technology.

The 40-Hour HAZWOPER training course is designed for employees who are involved in clean-up operations, voluntary clean-up operations, emergency response operations, and storage, disposal, or treatment of hazardous substances or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. In addition, individuals who are exposed at or above permissible exposure limits (PELs), work on sites requiring respirators for more than 30 days out of the year and those who supervise any of these individuals are also required to take this course.