



# The Grants Gazette

## Ohio EMA's Preparedness Grants Updates

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### Compliance Tip of the Month

#### Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

**HSGP projects that involve the installation of any equipment**, exercises not specifically excluded from a FEMA EHP review per the GPD Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and ground-disturbing activities, new construction, including communication towers, or modification/renovation of existing buildings or structures must undergo a FEMA EHP review. Furthermore, for those proposed construction or renovation projects that are part of larger projects funded from a non-FEMA source (such as an EOC that is part of a larger proposed public safety complex), a FEMA EHP review must be complete before the larger project is initiated. For these types of projects, sub-grantees must complete the FEMA EHP Screening Form and submit it, with all supporting documentation, to their Ohio EMA Grant Programs Specialist.

The following activities would **not** require the submission of the FEMA EHP Screening Form:

- planning and development of policies or processes;
- management, administrative or personnel actions;
- classroom-based training;
- table top exercises and;
- acquisition of mobile and portable equipment (not involving installation).

No projects initiated after September 9, 2010 without proper EHP review will be funded. Projects using HSGP funds that were initiated or completed before an EHP review was concluded will be de-obligated. To avoid unnecessary delays in starting a project, grantees are encouraged to pay close attention to the reporting requirements for an EHP review.

### SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

#### National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance and Federal Preparedness Funding

To be eligible to receive federal preparedness funding, sub-grantees must meet National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance requirements as outlined in the Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance for each Federal fiscal year. State and local governments are considered to be in full NIMS compliance if they have adopted and/or implemented compliance activities and submitted a NIMSCAST assessment by the end of each Federal fiscal year.

All disciplines within the county and any jurisdictions within the county receiving direct benefit from open federal preparedness grants and/or likely to receive direct benefit from a future grant are held to the same NIMS compliance standards in the Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance as the sub-grantee. This includes submission of the NIMSCAST assessment of NIMS implementation progress for those required to do so. Direct benefit is defined as funding through the sub-grantee or equipment/services purchased by the sub-grantee and ownership transferred to the entity in question.

Supplying funds and/or equipment/services to local jurisdictions, agencies and departments that are not implementing NIMS and/or completing reporting requirements is a violation of the grant eligibility requirements and may result in suspended or terminated funding.

### Important Dates

Application deadline for the **“Competitive FY12 State Homeland Security Grant Program”** is **August 13, 2012.**

Application deadline for the **FY12 EMPG** is **August 31, 2012.**

Please be mindful of the performance period end dates on your awards; all work needs to be completed, equipment received, and funds requested by that end date.

### HSGP Grant Expenditures

As of July 16, 2012

Grant	Award	Expended	Remaining
FY 2009	\$42,082,519	\$26,518,136	\$15,564,383
FY 2010	\$40,769,989	\$7,734,314	\$33,035,675

For any questions or comments, please contact your Grant Program Specialist.