



# The Grants Gazette

## Ohio EMA's Preparedness Grants Updates

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### Spotlight of the Month

#### FEMA Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance Requirements

FEMA is legally required to consider the potential impacts of all grant funded projects on environmental resources and historic properties. For HSGP and other preparedness grant programs, this is accomplished through FEMA's EHP Review. Sub-grantees must comply with all applicable EHP laws, regulations and Executive Orders in order to draw down their grant funds. Any project with the potential to impact natural resources or historic properties cannot be initiated until FEMA has completed the required FEMA EHP review. **Sub-grantees that implement projects prior to receiving EHP approval from FEMA risk de-obligation of funds.**

Projects that involve the installation of equipment, and exercises not specifically excluded from a FEMA EHP review per the GPD Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), must undergo a FEMA EHP review. In addition, construction or renovation projects that are part of larger projects funded from a non-FEMA source (such as a EOC that is part of a larger proposed public safety complex) a FEMA EHP review must be complete before the larger project is initiated.

The following project types have been determined to have no environmental impacts and thus **no** further EHP documentation for these project types are required:

- ◆ **Planning** – Development of policies, plans, procedures, mutual aid agreements, strategies.
- ◆ **Management and Administration (M&A)** - The hiring of personnel, overtime and backfill expenses.
- ◆ **Classroom Based Training** - All training conducted in a classroom setting to include the establishment, support, conducting and attendance of classroom-based training.
- ◆ **Table Top Exercises and Functional Exercises** - These include seminars, workshops, tabletop exercises, and games that are hypothetical actions on the part of the participants.
- ◆ **Mobile and Portable Equipment (no installation)** - These are equipment devices that do not require any fixed installation and may be transported such as hand-held radios.

### Compliance Tip of the Month

#### PROPER DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT Reference 44 CFR Part 13.32 Equipment

**Use:** Equipment shall be used by the grantee or sub-grantee in the program or project for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by Federal Funds. When no longer needed for the original program or project, the equipment may be used in other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal agency.

**Disposition:** When original or replacement equipment acquired under a grant or sub-grant is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal agency, disposition of the equipment will be made as follows:

- ⇒ Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value of **less than \$5,000** may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the awarding agency.
- ⇒ Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value in **excess of \$5,000** may be retained or sold and the awarding agency shall have a right to an amount calculated by multiplying the current market value or proceeds from sale by the awarding agency's share of equipment.
- ⇒ In cases where a grantee or sub-grantee fails to take appropriate disposition actions, the awarding agency may direct the grantee or sub-grantee to take excess and disposition actions.

- ◆ ***For the proper disposition and tracking of equipment, please contact your Grant Program Specialist at Ohio EMA to request disposition instructions.***

### Important Dates

- ◆ The Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) is due **August 31, 2012**. Reporting should be submitted for FY06-FY11.
- ◆ FY 2012 EMPG application deadline is **August 31, 2012**.
- ◆ FY12 SHSP award notifications will be made by early **October 2012**.

### HSGP Grant Expenditures

Grant	Award	Expended	Remaining
FY 2009	\$42,082,519	\$33,322,967	\$8,759,552
FY 2010	\$40,769,989	\$9,291,823	\$31,478,166

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