



The Grants Gazette

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Compliance Tip of the Month

Sub-Awards to Debarred and Suspended Parties
44 CFR, Part 13.35

Prior to incurring costs under the grant, the sub-grantee must consult the State Auditor's "Findings for Recovery" database at www.auditor.state.oh.us. As noted on the website: "Ohio law (ORC 9.24) prohibits any state agency or political subdivision from awarding a contract for goods, services or construction against whom a finding for recovery has been issued by the Auditor of State, if that finding is unresolved."

On the federal side, the "Excluded Parties List System" is provided at www.epls.gov by the General Services Administration for the purpose of disseminating information on these parties that are excluded from receiving federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain federal financial and non-financial assistance. This federal site should be reviewed before incurring costs against any grant received by the sub-grantee.

Ensure Compliance By:

Prior to procuring materials and/or services from a vendor, check the above websites and print out the report to verify the site was checked for debarred and suspended parties.

Spotlight of the Month

Reference FEMA Grants Program Directorate (GPD)
Information Bulletin (IB) No. 352

Timeliness of Grantee Drawdowns

To reemphasize the above IB, the Preparedness Grants Branch requests that, whenever possible, grantees draw down funds no less than on a quarterly basis. By adopting this practice, we will be able to more effectively communicate the availability of funds. In addition, overall expenditure data associated with grant programs will be more accurately represented to the public and our stakeholders.

Protecting the future of funding for FEMA's grant programs is a mutually beneficial goal, and we greatly appreciate the cooperation of sub-grantees in adopting optimal financial administration practices.

Additional information on GPD Information Bulletins can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/bulletins/index.shtm>

HSGP GRANT EXPENDITURES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

Grant	Award	Expended	Remaining
FY2009	\$42,082,519	\$14,729,679	\$27,352,840
FY2010	\$40,769,989	\$4,989,493	\$35,780,496

Important Dates and Deadlines

FY2009 SHSP Award - Performance Period Ending April 30, 2012

The Fiscal Year 2009 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) award deadline is fast approaching. If you don't have an approved budget, please submit one as soon as possible, and ensure you are actively drawing down your funds.

Draw down funds as expenses are being incurred, rather than holding until the grant closing. All work needs to be completed, equipment in hand, and funds requested by **April 30, 2012**. If you're planning to de-obligate your funds, please let your grants program specialist know as soon as possible.