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USDOT Awards States and Communities \$45 million in Pipeline Safety Grants

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#) (PHMSA) today announced that 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will receive nearly \$44 million in Pipeline Safety Base grants and 23 communities around the country will share nearly \$1 million in Technical Assistance Grants to augment state and local pipeline safety efforts.

“We need partners across the country to help us in our efforts to ensure pipeline safety,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. “These two grant programs fund important safety programs for states, communities and non-profit organizations to help raise awareness of pipeline safety and ensure proper inspection of pipelines.”

Pipeline Safety Base grants provide state pipeline regulators up to 80 percent of operating costs per year, based on PHMSA’s assessment of the program’s performance. State inspectors are responsible for more than 90 percent of the nation’s intrastate transmission and distribution pipelines. Participating states provide more than 300 additional inspectors, effectively tripling the number of inspectors on the ground ensuring compliance with pipeline safety regulations. The state pipeline regulators receiving the grants must sign an agreement to inspect pipelines on PHMSA’s behalf.

Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) are awarded to communities and non-profit organizations to increase pipeline safety and encourage public involvement in decision making. These grants will allow recipients to develop customized programs to enhance and promote pipeline safety programs. Examples include conducting scientific analyses of locally-focused pipeline safety issues and providing gas leak detection equipment for emergency responders. Grant recipients have also proposed to develop web-based programs and printed materials that deliver the pipeline safety message to a wider, more diverse audience. Others will provide training that keeps first responders and gas workers safe, like the [Leak City](#) training facility in Athens, Ala. Visit the [program descriptions](#) to learn more about how TAG recipients will use the funds.

“TAG recipients are on the frontline of pipeline safety in their communities,” said PHMSA Administrator Cynthia Quarterman. “These grants are an extremely valuable resource for our local and non-governmental partners.”

PHMSA began issuing TAGs in 2009, and by 2011 had awarded more than \$3 million to 70 recipients. Grantees may receive up to \$50,000 based on the merit of their application.

TAG recipients are required to provide a [report](#) to PHMSA within one year chronicling completion of the work as outlined in their grant agreement.

The 2012 State Base Grant* recipients are:

- Alabama – \$1,184,185
- Arizona – \$1,307,720
- Arkansas – \$472,472
- California – \$2,127,543
- Colorado – \$468,266
- Connecticut – \$760,649
- Delaware – \$79,121
- District of Columbia – \$258,692
- Georgia – \$1,537,824
- Idaho – \$71,006
- Illinois – \$1,695,096
- Indiana – \$671,593
- Iowa – \$817,750
- Kansas – \$638,397
- Kentucky – \$318,204
- Louisiana – \$1,016,028
- Maine – \$279,396
- Maryland – \$346,708
- Massachusetts – \$910,597
- Michigan – \$670,078
- Minnesota – \$1,376,193
- Mississippi – \$416,834
- Missouri – \$603,910
- Montana – \$113,207
- Nebraska – \$215,647
- Nevada – \$367,295
- New Hampshire – \$458,994
- New Jersey – \$1,014,041
- New Mexico – \$877,036
- New York – \$2,742,116
- North Carolina – \$465,912
- North Dakota – \$115,807
- Ohio – \$1,055,554
- Oklahoma – \$1,048,246
- Oregon – \$439,345

- Pennsylvania – \$2,159,584
- Puerto Rico – \$198,453
- Rhode Island – \$78,782
- South Dakota – \$234,101
- Tennessee – \$552,147
- Texas – \$3,274,497
- Utah – \$288,208
- Vermont – \$166,664
- Virginia – \$1,243,077
- Virgin Islands – \$1,371,982
- Washington – \$258,692
- West Virginia – \$422,260
- Wisconsin – \$409,905
- Wyoming – \$158,143

**Actual grant awarded may be higher due to maintenance of effort requirements.*

The 2012 Technical Assistance Grant recipients are:

- National Association of Counties Research Foundation (District of Columbia) – \$49,923
- Danielle Dawn Smalley Foundation Inc. (Texas) – \$50,000
- Port of South Louisiana (Louisiana) – \$50,000
- Pipeline Safety Coalition (Pennsylvania) – \$50,000
- League of Women Voters of PA Citizen Education Fund (Pennsylvania) – \$49,500
- City of Athens (Alabama) – \$50,000
- City of Sulphur/ Fire Department (Louisiana) – \$12,241
- Land-of-Sky Regional Council (North Carolina) – \$50,000
- East Brandywine Township (Pennsylvania) – \$50,000
- Pipeline Safety Trust (Washington) – \$20,000
- Blenheim Hose Company, Inc. (New York) – \$10,000
- County of Montgomery (Virginia) – \$17,400
- Will County (Illinois) – \$50,000
- Tower of Flower Mound (Texas) – \$22,988
- Utility Contractors of Washington DBA/ NUCA Washington (Washington) – \$50,000
- City of Monroe (North Carolina) – \$45,000
- Custer County Conservation District (Montana) – \$50,000
- Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (Texas) – \$50,000
- Coastal Regional Commission (Georgia) – \$50,000
- Woods Cross City (Utah) – \$40,000
- County of Anderson (Kansas) – \$45,250
- Village of Worth (Illinois) – \$50,000
- City of Allentown (Pennsylvania) – \$50,000

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. Please visit <http://phmsa.dot.gov> for more information.

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