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### **U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces \$20 Million in Hazardous Materials Grants to Help Keep Communities Safe**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx today announced grants totaling \$20.1 million to states, territories and Native American tribes for planning and training to improve the nation’s response to hazardous materials transportation incidents.

“Hazardous materials are transported throughout our nation every day, and most shipments arrive without incident,” said Secretary Foxx. “But we have to be prepared for those rare instances when something goes wrong, and these grants do just that, by funding training and drills for our first responders so they can protect our families and communities.”

Since 1993, more than 2.8 million emergency responders across the country have received training assistance using Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grants.

Grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) are funded by annual user fees paid by shippers and carriers of certain hazmat.

“These grants fund activities and training that provide emergency responders with the tools and knowledge to act quickly during the first few crucial moments of a hazmat incident,” said PHMSA Administrator Cynthia Quarterman.

From 2011-12, HMEP grants funded training for more than 98,400 first responders in initial or refresher hazmat response courses, over 1,300 new or revised hazmat emergency response plans, and approximately 1,060 hazmat exercises.

All 50 states, five U.S. territories, and six Native American tribes received HMEP grant funding this year.

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## Awardee Funding Distribution

**Table 1. FY 2013 HMEP State Grants**

State	Recommended Grant Award	State	Recommended Grant Award
1. Alabama	\$374,451	26. Montana	\$112,053
2. Alaska	\$95,274	27. Nebraska	\$280,559
3. Arizona	\$299,671	28. Nevada	\$177,690
4. Arkansas	\$233,146	29. New Hampshire	\$136,793
5. California	\$1,751,181	30. New Jersey	\$470,753
6. Colorado	\$283,522	31. New Mexico	\$226,973
7. Connecticut	\$206,250	32. New York	\$786,073
8. Delaware	\$110,643	33. North Carolina	\$537,781
9. Florida	\$814,764	34. North Dakota	\$193,029
10. Georgia	\$517,384	35. Ohio	\$885,019
11. Hawaii	\$105,645	36. Oklahoma	\$286,088
12. Idaho	\$153,499	37. Oregon	\$259,753
13. Illinois	\$1,078,851	38. Pennsylvania	\$678,630
14. Indiana	\$503,126	39. Rhode Island	\$109,668
15. Iowa	\$317,170	40. South Carolina	\$298,647
16. Kansas	\$371,904	41. South Dakota	\$172,186
17. Kentucky	\$278,211	42. Tennessee	\$410,626
18. Louisiana	\$311,230	43. Texas	\$1,230,189
19. Maine	\$137,461	44. Utah	\$220,117
20. Maryland	\$287,701	45. Vermont	\$94,842
21. Massachusetts	\$329,570	46. Virginia	\$399,484
22. Michigan	\$532,952	47. Washington	\$328,328
23. Minnesota	\$429,013	48. West Virginia	\$200,717
24. Mississippi	\$268,100	49. Wisconsin	\$420,637
25. Missouri	\$435,853	50. Wyoming	\$115,823
<b>Total for States: \$19,259,030</b>			

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**Table 2. FY 2013 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Territory Grants**

<b>Territory</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Award</b>
1. American Samoa	\$62,967
2. Guam	\$64,773
3. N. Mariana Island	\$63,447
4. Puerto Rico	\$166,393
5. Virgin Islands	\$63,889
<b>Total for Territories: \$421,469</b>	

**Table 3. FY 2013 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Native American Tribal Grants**

<b>Tribe</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Award</b>
1. Inter Tribal Council of AZ	\$202,471
2. Nez Perce	\$19,035
3. Seminole Tribe of Florida	\$90,063
4. St. Regis	\$27,143
5. Pueblo of Laguna	\$43,946
6. Paiute Shoshone Tribe	\$63,853
<b>Total for Tribes: \$446,511</b>	

**TOTAL FY 2013 HMEP GRANTS: \$20,127,010**

*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> or [https://twitter.com/PHMSA\\_DOT](https://twitter.com/PHMSA_DOT) for more information.*

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