

There is a pending work program that has been sent to the Interim Finance Committee to approve the carry-forward of HMEP funding from FFY15/SFY16 HMEP from State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 to SFY 2017.

SERC submitted the proposed budget to the State Budget office for the 2018/2019 Biennium. All state agencies were required to submit a budget that reduces 5% on expenditures, including SERC. We have been able to do some savings that will not impact current business operations. Although this is not anticipated to impact the grants we administer with funds from fees, our staffing is still at a deficient level. The request for additional manpower to assist in the required monitoring was turned down. SERC and SFM will need to conduct an official RFP for the hazmat database early next year (2017) due to the iDSI, Inc. contract expiration in March 2018. This procedure is a requirement to comply with State Purchasing requirements. Staff will keep the Commission posted about the process. In addition, the Governor and the State Budget Office has required strategic business plans for all state agencies, divisions, boards and commissions. Since SERC does not have one, we are required to have one completed and submitted no later than July 1, 2017.

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HMEP Funding

HMEP Funding 9/30/16-9/30/19				
	Year 1*	Year 2	Year 3	
Federal Share	\$ 180,331.00	\$ 177,031.00	\$ 177,031.00	
State Share	\$ 44,918.00	\$ 44,258.00	\$ 44,258.00	
Total	\$ 225,249.00	\$ 221,288.00	\$ 221,288.00	
Grant Admin/Mgmt.	\$ 3,960.00			

The program period is 9/30/16 through 9/30/19. We cannot expend more than the amount allocated in year one by the end of year one. If we have funds in year one that has not been expended, they can be added to year two. In year three we must be able to expend all three years. Grant management history has been used in factoring the 6% decrease in funding. Our management and use of the funds will continue to be a factor in determining any available supplemental funding that becomes available and the new three-year cycle beginning 9/30/19. \*Year one has a \$3,300 federal supplemental added for an HMEP specific activity with a \$660 state match.

Funds from the FY17 HMEP award may be used for the FireShowsWest 2016 in addition to the FY16 HMEP and the SERC matching funds. The Executive Administrator advised the Funding Committee that the new grant allows for SERC to obligate the funds up to 90 days in advance of the program period for activities happening during the program period.

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Henderson is the first city in Nevada and in FEMA Region 9 to receive accreditation through the Emergency Management Accreditation Program.

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SERC Commissioners will submit the final recommendations to staff for staff to submit to LCB for the final draft to be presented at the Public Hearing on NAC 459 review and revisions as applicable. SERC will comply with Administrative Rulemaking policy and procedure in posting and conducting the next phase, the hearing. All interested parties are asked to provide contact information if they wish to receive electronic updates.

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Staff really appreciated the feedback from LEPC and state agency stakeholders as a result of the survey soliciting information on the new grant timeline process. The FY2018 applications for HMEP and HMEP FSW will be sent out September 1, 2016 with due dates of December 2016. The activities requested will be sent to US DOT no later than February 2017. There is a change that the Funding Committee requested after the compilation of the results and dissemination of the spreadsheet and new timeline. The change is only related to the United We Stand grant application in that the Funding Committee will not review that until May instead of the March date. This will be changed and re-sent to everyone. We will also post this on the SERC website.

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Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration/USDOT grant staff conducted a technical site visit August 18, 2016. The verbal feedback was very positive with the exception of noting the requirement to provide monitoring to sub-grantees. Staff learned a great deal from the visit such as how to maximize the use of our funds and to ensure our activity shows that we need the funds. This will positively impact Nevada SERC and our LEPCs with additional supplemental funding that may become available each year and will impact our next 3-year award period.

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Staff met with NDEM to discuss collaborating to identify how the two state agencies with similar requirements can minimize the submissions and burdens on the local governments and to help insure we have proper documentation that LEPCs are NIMS compliant

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In the effort to identify additional resources for LEPCs, staff reached out to Oklahoma SERC to obtain more information on their LEPC workshops provided in August and September each year. If possible we will see if this is something that would be useful to Nevada LEPCs and to see if it can be localized.

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A huge thank you to the following LEPCs that responded to the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) Survey we started sending out January 19, 2016. Those LEPCs responding include: Churchill County; Clark County; Douglas County; Esmeralda County (2); Eureka County, Humboldt County; Nye County; Storey County; Washoe County and White Pine County. That is 10 out of 17 LEPCs. Not too bad. If you responded between September 26 and October 1, 2016 please let SERC staff know.

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Reminder: Staff has created a template that LEPCs may use to promote the United We Stand License plates. The template can be localized for any LEPC member or state agency to help build the funding. The revenue

generated is used for sub-grants to LEPCs and State agencies for allowable activities. To learn more, visit the SERC website.

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The Mid-Cycle HMEP for FY 2017 is now open since the HMEP FY2017 Applications have been processed. Please note that there is a new reporting form available on the SERC website. It is quite a bit easier and must be completed to receive reimbursements.

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During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of state fiscal year 2017 SERC awarded \$340,128 in United We Stand funds and \$589,798 in SERC grants to LEPC's and state agencies.

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Douglas County has asked for a change in their equipment on their United We Stand grant changing from 5 radios to 4 radios and a charger staying within the same cost. I did ask for the change request and they are submitting it. Since this does not fundamentally change their request, I am unsure if I need to get the approval of the co-chair.

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SERC staff continues to work with Nevada ITCR to identify ways to engage the Nevada ITCN/ITCR with SERC activities. There are approximately 27 tribes in Nevada and ITCR has expressed a desire and need for HazMat training and planning.

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Staff participated in the Tribal workshop focused on Federal and State Engagement with tribes in the Pacific Southwest-Options and Efficiencies on July 13 through video-conference coordinated by EPA. Panelist included Dan Hourihan from Nevada ITCR, Rodney Locket from Homeland Security, Lance Richman and Dan Meer from EPA RRT, Jeff Smith with the Bureau of Reclamation, Heather Duschell and Randy Brawley from FEMA and Libby Vianu from ATSDR with participants from Arizona DEM, US Forest Svc., and Cal OES. The goal was to find common ground between state and federal agencies on capacity building with our tribal partners to address oil and hazmat incidents and to look at opportunities to create efficiencies between agencies. This was the initial meeting and Mr. Hourihan explained that he represents 27 tribes in Nevada. The message from the meeting was that SERCs were the best venue to work with TERCs and tribes because each state is different and discussion resulted in a message that Tribes should have some representation within SERCs.

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Grant Change Request: Douglas County LEPC approved to change from 5 radios to 4 radios and a charger.

LEPC Compliance: Elko needs updated assurances submitted to perfect/activate SERC 17 grant.

Reminder that LEPC meeting minutes must be available within 30 days from the date of the LEPC meetings. They can be draft format. 30 Days after the end of the quarter SERC should have minutes and agenda of a meeting for the preceding quarter.

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DHS is hosting webinars and in-person presentations to demonstrate the improved Chemical Security Assessment Tool (CSAT) 2.0. See the link below for more details. The CSAT 20, Roadshow Demonstration Presentations and Webinar Sessions lists the dates, times, and locations. Please share this information with your LEPCs and others.

<https://www.dhs.gov/cfats-tiering-methodology>

The US EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program was created October 17, 1986, 30 years ago. SERC sent an e-mail with a link to our distribution list to get additional information on the program and to learn what the facilities in their area are doing to reduce releases and pollution. To learn more about the regulations and the program, visit the following website:

<https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program>

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If there are items that the Commissioners would like included in the EA report or researched in the future, please let me know.