



WASHOE COUNTY

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Office of the County Manager
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To: State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
Subject: Future Grant Opportunities

August 18, 2022

Dear SERC Administrator,

Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) would like to formally request that when grant funding opportunities are released from SERC to the LEPCs, the specific parameters of that grant are included in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). A significant amount of time is spent writing grant applications, navigating the required and appropriate channels for approval from the LEPCs, submission to SERC, and in the SERC Funding Committee's review and subsequent approval or denial of the application. It is in the best interest of all parties involved to understand the requirements and limitations of a grant opportunity when it is released.

This request comes after an opportunity to apply for funding for COVID Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was released to the LEPCs. The requirement that the PPE to be purchased is attached to training also funded by the HMEP grant was not given to the LEPCs along with the NOFO. As a result, LEPC staff sent the opportunity to our members, the LEPC members went through the process of writing and submitting applications to LEPC, the Grants and Finance Committee formally met and approved the application, LEPC staff compiled and submitted a formal application to SERC, the LEPC General Membership formally approved the application, and LEPC staff communicated with SERC regarding the application. These extensive efforts were all in vain as the requirement for a connection to HMEP training was provided with the rejection of the application.

This request is being sent in order to be considerate of everyone's time and efforts.

Sincerely ,

Brian Taylor
Washoe County LEPC Chair

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