

Memorandum

To: South Dakota State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
From: Rhett Howard, HMEP Grant Administrator
Date: September 8, 2020
Re: Quarterly FFY2019 / FFY2020 HMEP Grant Report

HMEP Grant Year 2016-2017-2018: The three-year HMEP Grant cycle officially closed September 30th, 2019.

FFY 2019 Grant Award Amounts:

- Federal Share: **\$22,754.44**
- Non-Federal Share (Match): **\$7,584.82**
- Total: **\$30,339.26**

FFY 2019 Federal Share Spent/Remaining To-Date:

- Remaining: **\$112,909.74**

HMEP Grant Year 2019

- There have been 5 projects completed from October 1, 2019 through September 8, 2020. Codington County trained 37 personnel in 2 separate HazMat Awareness Operations courses in November and December, 2019. Aberdeen Fire & Rescue trained 10 personnel on Air Rescue & Firefighting for their ARFF Spring Burn training in May of 2020. Watertown Fire & Rescue held their Air Rescue & Firefighting for 33 personnel and 6 volunteers in May of 2020. With the travel restrictions this year due to Covid-19, Sioux Falls Fire & Rescue has converted \$17,402.90, that was previously allocated for various training, to enable them to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). They purchased 198 respirators and 387 cartridges to improve proper face seal and achieve a more consistent facial fit. One element the subgrantee must fulfill in order to convert grant money to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), is they must show the details of their training on the new Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

HMEP Grant Year 2020

- The grant award for FY 2020 was issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation/Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (DOT/PHMSA), effective October 1st, 2020. The total federal award amount is \$150,153.00. The seven subgrantees participating in HMEP20 will be Aberdeen Fire & Rescue, Rapid City Fire & Rescue, Sioux Falls Fire & Rescue, Watertown Fire & Rescue, Codington County, Deuel County, and Edmunds County. There are 24 grants for training and 2 grants for planning in HMEP20.
- PHMSA/DOT are allowing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be purchased in lieu of the missed training opportunities that were experienced due to the Covid-19 issues in 2020. This opportunity has never been offered in the time since the HMEP grant inception. All of the participating sub-grantees are very appreciative of this opportunity to re-allocate grant monies previously intended for training.



