



Homeland Security

FY 2014 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) Continuing Training Grants (CTG) Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Public Law 113-76); and authorized by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-53) (hereafter “9/11 Act”) and the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (6 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants (CTG) program provides funding via cooperative agreements to training partners to develop and deliver training to prepare whole communities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism, and natural, man-made, and technological hazards.

In Fiscal Year 2013, DHS awarded \$7,811,256 through the CTG to enhance the ability of whole communities and responders to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist acts and other hazards

The FY 2014 CTG plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation. FY 2014 CTG focus areas support Presidential, Legislative, and Departmental priorities for improving security and resilience.

Funding

For FY 2014, the total amount of HSNTP funds available under the CTG program is \$11,000,000, to be used for training in the following focus areas:

- Hazardous Materials (HazMat)/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
 - Cybersecurity
 - Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)
 - Maturing the Role of Private-Public Partnerships
 - Medical Readiness/Immediate Victim Care
 - Rural Training
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Eligibility

The FY 2014 CTG is an open and competitive funding opportunity, available to entities with existing programs or demonstrable expertise relevant to the focus areas in the funding opportunity announcement to include: State, local, tribal, and territorial entities, nonprofit national associations

and organizations; non-profit higher education institutions; and non-profits, including community and faith-based organizations. Multi-State/multi-jurisdictional applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Funding Guidelines

DHS grant funds may only be used for the purpose set forth in the grant and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Grant funds may not be used for matching funds for other Federal grants/cooperative agreements, lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, Federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal government or any other government entity.

Federal employees are prohibited from serving in any capacity (paid or unpaid) on any proposal submitted under this program. Federal employees may not receive funds under this award.

Key Changes

The FY 2013 FOA contained the following focus areas:

- Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Cybersecurity
- Rural Training
- Medical Readiness/Immediate Victim Care at Mass Casualty Events
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Emergency Management Leadership

The FY 2014 FOA contains the following focus areas:

- Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Cybersecurity
- Rural Training
- Medical Readiness/Immediate Victim Care at Mass Casualty Events
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Maturing the Role of Public-Private Partnerships

The key change between FY 2013 and FY 2014 is the addition of *Maturing the Role of Public-Private Partnerships* and moving *Emergency Management Leadership* off the 2014 CTG focus area list. Emergency Management Leadership was determined to be a relative priority but analysis concluded that T&E requirements for this focus area are satisfied through other FEMA training programs at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security and through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute.

The key changes regarding the topic of *Rural Training* are as follows:

In FY 2013 rural training topics included:

- Isolation and Quarantine
- Environmental Health

The FY 2014 rural training topics include:

- Hazardous Materials
 - Mass Fatality Planning and Response
 - Crisis Management for School Based Incidents
 - Development of Emergency Operations Plans
 - Bioterrorism Awareness
 - Media Engagement Strategies for First Responders
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Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applicants are restricted to one application per focus area but may apply for more than one focus area. Applications are evaluated in the following three areas:

Eligibility check: Applications will be evaluated based on the Eligibility Criteria in the FOA. Applicants that do not meet eligibility requirements will be removed from consideration.

Subject Matter Expert (SME) Review and Scoring: Applications will be scored by SMEs from Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial sectors using requirements contained in the FOA. Results of this process will be used to inform a Federal Review.

Federal Review. Federal program offices with responsibility for each focus areas, along with FEMA, will review, evaluate, and score all applications.

Complete applications must clearly demonstrate the applicant's ability to design, develop, and deliver training programs of national scope which provides tailored, specialized training to whole communities with appropriate emphasis on first responders where suitable. The CTG funds must enhance the nation's capability to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, or recover from risks posed by incidents of national significance, including acts of terrorism and/or catastrophic events in accordance with program guidelines, and guidance from DHS/FEMA.

HSNTP CTG Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions which can assist with CTG.

- The FY 2014 CTG FOA is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>. CFDA 97.005
- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.