



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2016 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants

Overview

The Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) / Continuing Training Grants (CTG) provides funding via cooperative agreements to partners to develop and deliver training to prepare communities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recovery from acts of terrorism and natural, man-made, and technological hazards.

As appropriated by the *Consolidated Appropriations Act 2016* (Public Law No. 114-113), and authorized by the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* and the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, the 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.

\$36.3 Million

The amount of CTG competitive funding made available to applicants since 2012 for training programs to better prepare emergency responders throughout the nation.

\$11.5 Million

The amount of CTG funding available to applicants for 2016.

Focus Areas

For FY 2016, the total amount of HSNTP funds available for CTG is \$11,521,000 in four focus areas:

- Cybersecurity
- Economic Recovery
- Hazardous Materials
- Rural Preparedness

Eligibility

The FY 2016 HSNTP/CTG is an open and competitive funding opportunity, available to entities with existing programs or demonstrable expertise relevant to the focus areas in the announcement. Applicants may 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. Guidance regarding eligibility can be found in the HSNTP/CTG Notice of Funding Opportunity posted on [Grants.gov website](#).

Funding Guidelines

Recipients may use grant funds only for the purpose set forth, and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Recipients may not use grant funds for matching funds for other federal grants/cooperative agreements, lobbying, or intervention in federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, recipients may not use federal funds 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.

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:** FEMA will evaluate applications based on the eligibility criteria. All applicants who do not meet eligibility requirements will be removed.
 - **Subject Matter Expert Review and Scoring:** Subject matter experts comprised from various stakeholder groups will score applications by applying guidance contained in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. Results of this process are used to inform a FEMA Review.
 - **FEMA Review:** FEMA will review, evaluate, and score all applications following the subject matter experts' review and scoring.
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HSNTP/CTG Resources

FEMA provides a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions that can assist with HSNTP/CTG.

- The FY 2016 HSNTP/CTG NOFO is located online at [CTG Funding Notice](#) as well as [Grants.gov website](#) Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 97.005.
- Applicants may contact FEMA's National Training and Education Division, via phone (202) 786-0905 or email the program manager, Mr. Patrick Cowhey via email patrick.cowhey@fema.dhs.gov or Mr. Terry Pruitt via phone (202) 786-9565 or email terry.pruitt@fema.dhs.gov for additional program-specific information.
- Applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov for financial-related questions, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance.