

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program is intended to provide financial and technical assistance as well as national direction and guidance to enhance state and local hazardous materials emergency planning and training. You can apply by downloading the [South Dakota HMEP Planning Grant Application Package](#) or [South Dakota HMEP Training Grant Application Package](#).

The Grant Program distributes fees collected from shippers and carriers of hazardous materials to emergency responders training and to local emergency planning committees ([LEPCs](#)) for hazmat planning. In some cases, only LEPCs that are in compliance with SARA, Title III regulations may apply for the grants.

All federal hazardous materials grants are allocated by Congress on an annual basis. There are no guarantees that grant funding will be available the entire year or every year.

The following grant is most commonly available in South Dakota.

- The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant provides funds for hazardous materials training and planning. The planning portion of the grant is available to state governments and LEPCs for hazardous materials emergency response planning and exercising. The grant pays for projects such as commodity flow studies, writing and printing emergency response plans and hazards analyses. HMEP training funds are available to state and/or local public sector employees or volunteers involved in hazardous materials emergency response.

States often receive other hazardous materials planning and training grants from federal agencies. In the past FEMA has granted funds under the Hazardous Materials Financial Assistance Project (HMFAP) and Comprehensive Emergency Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Environmental Protection Agency also provides states, and especially tribal government, with hazardous materials grant opportunities.