HMEP open; EMPG extended

The HMEP grant application period is currently open through July 31, 2020, at 5 p.m. EDT. The EMPG Salary grant has been extended to August 14, 2020, at 5 p.m. EDT.

NOFOs are available on the agency website. All questions should be submitted through the grants support ticket system.

RPA application deadline extended to Aug. 31

The IDHS Recovery Section has again extended the Request for Public Assistance application deadline to Aug. 31, 2020. More information is available on the IDHS Public Assistance Program page.

IDHS encourages county EMAs to reach out and work with local partners that may need assistance or guidance submitting their applications. Indiana’s Public Assistance Program staff is available for any additional questions or concerns you may have at pa@dhs.in.gov.

Training needs? We want to know!

Interested in obtaining more or specialized training? IDHS would like to hear your thoughts!

IDHS Training recently moved under the Indiana State Fire Marshal, and Marshal Thacker would like to learn more about the areas where EMAs feel they have the greatest need. The Training team will be looking at a number of delivery options, including Acadis, to provide this support to EMAs.

Feedback can be provided to the appropriate district liaison.

Integrated preparedness planning coming soon

The Exercise Section has partnered with IDHS Planning and Training to introduce the state of Indiana to the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW) in the fall.

Work groups are currently being developed to create the next 3-year priorities for planning, training and exercise at the north, central, south and state level. The IPPW will replace the old Training and Exercise Planning Workshops (TEPW) that were
local, county and state agencies to make good decisions regarding staff and operations.

The 2020 IPPW will be virtual, HSEEP compliant and optional for local EMAs to attend. More information to come.

**Fall PPE needs**

As COVID-19 numbers rise in Indiana, IDHS is asking EMAs to reach out to local fire and emergency service leaders to discuss current personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) would like to remind EMAs to be as specific as possible when submitting mission requests in WebEOC. Please be sure to include what items you are requesting, the number of each item requested and the intended purpose. This will help the SEOC better determine if the request can be completed.

As a reminder, KN95 masks distributed by the SEOC are for emergency personnel coming in direct contact with patients who are known to have or suspected to have COVID-19. The KN90 masks are suitable for all other personnel (jail staff, government administrative staff, etc.). Cloth masks or ear loop masks are for general use face coverings (visitors to courts, public buildings, jail offender populations and other critical infrastructure workers).

Local leaders should be encouraged to procure what PPE they can for the fall to avoid potential shortfalls. IDHS will continue to work diligently to fill orders, but there may not be enough PPE available from FEMA to fill all current and future requests.

**Special event data needed**

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the United States Department of Homeland Security (U.S. DHS) are requesting information on special events scheduled to occur in your county between Dec. 1, 2020, and Nov. 30, 2021. Please submit the information into the WebEOC Special Event tool by Monday, Aug. 31, 2020.

One of the factors U.S. DHS considers when determining a state’s risk is the number and nature of special events in a state. Therefore, the more robust special event data provided, the better chance Indiana has to obtain increased grant funding.

Read the full letter online for more information. Questions or concerns should be directed to Janice Lee at jalee@dhs.in.gov or the appropriate IDHS district liaison.