



NC Department of Public Safety
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Emergency Management Hazardous Materials Grant Implementation Plan - 2026

Proposal - September 24, 2025

1.0 Amount

The amount of the appropriation is:

- *FY26 Tier II is \$100,000.00 – non-recurring funding that will be deobligated on 06/30/2027 if not expended.*
- *FY26 HMEP is \$944,227.00 – non-recurring funds that will be deobligated and reallocated to State projects on 09/30/2027 if not expended.*
 - *FY26 NC match for FY25 HMEP is \$297,281.*
 - *FY27 NC match for FY26 HMEP is \$236,057.*
 - *FY25-FY27 HMEP POP is expected to be 10/01/2025 - 09/30/2028.*
 - *All FY25, FY26, and FY27 HMEP funds must be expended by 09/30/2028.*

2.0 Applicable Legislation

Tier II

[North Carolina General Statute 166A](#)

“North Carolina Emergency Management Act”

[Chapter 29.1 Hazardous Materials Facility Fee](#)

HMEP

[2 Code of Federal Regulations 200](#)

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

3.0 Eligibility

Tier II

All active Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) under Section 301 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) are eligible for the Emergency Management Tier II Hazardous Materials Grant. “Active” means the LEPC met the annual authorization effective for calendar year 2026 signed by the State Emergency Response Commission.

Awarded funds under this program are from the hazardous materials facility fees collected during the Tier II reporting period in accordance with N.C.G.S. 166A-29.1(c) and eligible to counties in accordance with



N.C.G.S. 166A.29.1(f)(3). The Tier II grant funds must be used for hazardous materials emergency response planning, training, and related exercises, including fixed facilities, with some conditions and limitations in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. §166A-29.1.

HMEP

State, Territory, or Tribe Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and first responder organizations. The HMEP grant funds must be used for transportation-related hazardous materials emergency response planning, training, and related exercises, with some conditions and limitations in accordance with [PHMSA HMEP Grant Guide](#).

[Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration HMEP Grant Overview](#)

4.0 Proposal

- A. The Director of Emergency Management will approve the overall program implementation plan.
- B. The Preparedness Grants Management Branch of the Administration Section will provide grant administration support for the program.
- C. The Regional Branches and Emergency Services Branch of the Operations Section will provide programmatic post-award support for grantees. Post-award Regional Branch support includes assistance with reporting requirements, reimbursement requests, scope/budget changes and modifications, and answering questions about the program.
- D. Notice of Funding, application and supporting documentation will be available in [Salesforce](#). See also NCEM [Tier II Grant Website](#) and [NC HMEP Grant Website](#).
- E. The Director of Emergency Management will appoint a Hazardous Materials Grants Committee to review and score applications and to provide recommendations on suggested approvals and award amounts. That committee will include representation from designated stakeholders, including:
 - a. NCEM Operations Section
 - b. NCEM Preparedness Grants Management Branch
 - c. NCEM Hazardous Materials
- F. Applicants will be encouraged to provide scalable budgets/scopes of work. If an application is selected for less than full funding, the Hazardous Materials Grants Committee will work with the applicant to develop and agree to a new scope/budget before the before making an award. Agencies may only submit one application for each grant program (Tier II and/or HMEP). A project may include multiple items or categories of items. Each project will be independently scored by the Hazardous Materials Grants Committee.
- G. These shall be reimbursement grants and grantees must submit reimbursement requests with acceptable documentation as outlined in their executed MOA.

H. Timeline

- Application Period for FY26 Tier II and FY26 HMEP is 11/1/2025 – 12/31/2025. Grant applications must be submitted in Salesforce by 5:00 pm EST.

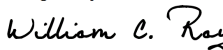
Tier II

- Period of Performance (POP) – 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026
- By 02/14/2026 – Hazardous Materials Grants Committee Submits Recommended Approved Applications
- By 03/31/2026 – Award Notifications & MOAs Sent to FY2026 Grant Recipients
- 12/31/2026 – END of POP, Final RFRs & Reporting Documents due 30 days after POP, 01/30/2027
- **Tier II awards are required to be a minimum of \$5,000 with a maximum award amount of \$10,000 for a single county.** LEPCs comprised of multiple counties may request \$5,000 per county, e.g., Toe River LEPC (three counties) award could be \$15,000. Salesforce is designed to enforce \$5,000 minimum application and award amounts for FY26 Tier II.
- **Equipment Purchases:** Salesforce applications must include equipment purchase request and include the FEMA Authorized Equipment Lists (AEL) code and description for consideration. <https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list>.

HMEP

- Period of Performance (POP) – 10/01/2026 – 09/30/2027
- By 03/31/2026 – Hazardous Materials Grants Committee Submits Recommended Approved Applications
- By 09/30/2026 – Award Notifications & MOAs Sent to FY2026 Grant Recipients
- 09/30/2027– END of POP Final RFRs & Reporting Documents due 30 days after POP, 10/30/2027
- Funding must be spent during the POP to be eligible for reimbursement. Justification will be required for extensions, which may not be granted.

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