

TO:	Cumberland County Commissioners
FROM:	Michael Durkin, Director-Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
DATE:	10/11/2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	LEPC Grant Award FY23-24

# **Requested Action:**

CCEMA requests that the Commissioners accept the FY23-24 LEPC Grant award.

#### **Background & Purpose of Request:**

CCEMA has been awarded \$73,087.96 in FY2023-24 in LEPC Grant funding. The purpose of this award is to support Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness through Planning and Training through the Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). These funds are split into two pieces: \$32,232.81 which partially covers the cost of County staff to coordinate the LEPC and \$40,855.15 which forms the Cumberland County LEPC's training budget. These training funds are used to build and maintain the skills of local first responders relating to hazardous materials incidents.

The stated goal of the grant is that people trained using these funds will have the ability to protect nearby persons, property, and the environment from the effects of accidents or incidents involving hazardous material.

Cumberland County has 121 fixed facilities that house hazardous materials which could harm the public-at-large in addition to cargo trucks and railcars. A significant spill at any of these would require a large number of highly trained responders.

With last year's grant award, the Cumberland County LEPC trained 228 people to an 'Operations' or basic level and 206 people to a 'Technician' or intermediate level.

Cumberland County is not required to match these funds, although part of the CCEMA budget augments this grant and makes the LEPC staffing a full-time position.

### **Funding Amount and Source:**

Cumberland County has been awarded \$73,087.96 which will be funded by State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) funds and/or Federal Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant funds.

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Cumberland County is a subrecipient of these funds through the Maine Emergency Management Agency who is the recipient.

## **Effective Date:**

This award begins 10/1/2023 and ends on 09/30/2024.

### **Attachments:**

MEMA Subrecipient Grant Award Contract (38 pages)

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