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PHMSA Issues \$1.44 Million in Grants to Facilitate Community Involvement in Pipeline Safety Efforts

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today announced more than \$1.4 million in grants to 22 local governments and pipeline safety groups to help communities and non-profit organizations develop customized pipeline safety and education programs. As part of its [Technical Assistance Grant \(TAG\) program](#), PHMSA issues the awards to advance public participation in pipeline safety initiatives.

“Local governments must have the resources to develop safety programs that fit their communities,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. “These grants encourage public involvement in pipeline safety and allow communities to develop specific solutions to individual pipeline safety challenges.”

The awards provide funding for a broad range of activities, including improving or developing local pipeline emergency response capabilities, safe digging or damage prevention programs, pipeline safety information resources, community and pipeline awareness campaigns, and public participation in official proceedings that pertain to pipelines.

“Everyone has a role to play in keeping people and the environment safe in the transport of hazardous materials,” said PHMSA Administrator Marie Therese Dominguez. “Through the TAG program, PHMSA helps our partners in educating and developing safety solutions for their respective communities.”

Since 2009, PHMSA has awarded over \$7 million to fund 161 individual projects to assist local communities and organizations address locally focused pipeline safety needs.

Each grant recipient may receive up to \$100,000 for TAG projects, which must be completed within one year. Recipients must also provide a final report to PHMSA chronicling completion of the work as outlined in their grant agreement.

The 2015 TAG recipients are:

Grantee	State	Award
Bluegreen Alliance Foundation	Minnesota	\$88,600
Broome County	New York	\$47,945
City of Allentown	Pennsylvania	\$89,500
City of Fredericksburg	Virginia	\$3,859
City of Newport News	Virginia	\$50,000
City of Preston	Idaho	\$58,040
City of San Bruno	California	\$90,000
County of Anderson	Kansas	\$50,000
County of Chester	Pennsylvania	\$56,580
County of Lorain	Ohio	\$10,000
County of Morgan	Utah	\$75,895
Danielle Dawn Smalley Foundation	Texas	\$100,000
Fire Protection Research Foundation	Massachusetts	\$94,667
Greater Lafourche Port Commission	Louisiana	\$100,000
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Massachusetts	\$97,712
Nashua Regional Planning Commission	New Hampshire	\$40,657
Nevada Regional Common Ground Alliance	Nevada	\$20,000
North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team	Florida	\$43,660
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission	Texas	\$100,000
Pipeline Safety Coalition	Pennsylvania	\$90,000
Pipeline Safety Trust	Washington	\$73,624
West Central Texas Council of Governments	Texas	\$65,000

The mission of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is to protect people and the environment from the risks of hazardous materials transportation guided by three strategic principles: safety, trust, and innovation. PHMSA develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. Please visit <http://phmsa.dot.gov> for more information.

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