

Grants

The California Specialized Training Institute provides training grants for all disciplines and levels within the California emergency responder community. Courses that are funded by the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), provides tuition-free training for CA State/Local First Responders and CA Emergency Management Agencies. Most non-profit agencies that are affiliated with the California Mutual-Aid Response System are also eligible. Federal employees are welcome to attend EMPG-funded courses for free, in limited numbers, if space is available. You will be placed on stand-by and will be notified two weeks prior to class start date of availability. Members of private industry are generally required to pay the cost-recovery tuition rate unless documentation that verifies you are sponsored by a CA Emergency Management Agency is provided.

CSTI courses may be eligible for the use of Homeland Security Grant Programs SHSP, UASI, LETPP. Homeland Security Grant funds may cover the cost of Travel, Lodging and Per Diem. Contact your agency training officer or grant coordinator for eligibility information.

Emergency Management & Criminal Justice Programs

CSTI provides emergency management and criminal justice training programs through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which includes community based emergency management, crisis communications, disaster mitigation, response and recovery and officer safety terrorism programs.

Hazardous Materials Programs

The U. S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (US DOT/PHMSA), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) provides training funds for the hazardous materials first responder through the advanced technician and specialist levels.

The hazardous materials training programs, host locations and grantee selection is coordinated through the six Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) which work with their regional government agencies to determine the type of training needed on an annual basis.