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Capacity Building Awards

The Albuquerque University of New Mexico HBC unit received both a $50,000 Capacity Building Award (CSA) in 2006-07, and a $5,000 award in 2007-08. The original award was used to fund a partial salary and small items, while the funds from the second year went to support the purchase of supplies, medical supplies, conference attendance, and travel.

Health, Injury coordinator, and New Mexico State Coordinator, says, “It would be very difficult for a unit to function without these awards. We used the grants to purchase much-needed equipment such as crutches, bandages, and other items that our staff needed. The awards helped us provide better care for our patients.”

As a member of the NHC of the awards, he adds that the group has continued to expand the application process and implemented new requirements, while ensuring that units give themselves more time to complete the application process.

Tips

- Capacity Building awards will be available online through September 15. Access the application [here].
- Award amounts are $10,000 for new applicants, and $5,000 for renewal applications.
- Eligible applicants must be the leader of a registered unit as of July 1, have a completed unit profile, and be located in an organization which is not barred from receiving federal funds.
- Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the letters of support, projected activities, a realistic budget, training plans, adequate volunteer recruitment, engagement, recognition, and responsiveness to requests and participation in NHC.
- Priority goes to new applicants who utilize their funds for salaries, equipment, and training.
- Applications should be submitted by July 15. Additional information and dates can be found at [NHC website].

Public Health Preparedness Summit

Registration for the 2009 Public Health Preparedness Summit is being held Feb 21-23 in Salt Lake City. NHC is now open.

Training Opportunities

Looking for additional training opportunities? Information is available through the [NHC Online Resource]: [Public Health Preparedness Guide].

FEMA’s Interim Comprehensive Preparedness Guide

The interim guide, [FEMA’s Interim Comprehensive Preparedness Guide], is available online and provides a comprehensive framework to help states, local governments, and other organizations build, sustain, and improve their emergency preparedness activities.

Pandemic Influenza Planning Information

Planning Information for Public Health - [Pandemic Influenza] is available online during an influenza epidemic. It is now available.