



## Kingman County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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### **Kingman County LEPC receives grant**

Kingman County's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has received a grant to help pay for the cost of a mandated update of the county's emergency operations plan.

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant, awarded by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, is for \$6,800. It will be used to hire an outside contractor to lead the emergency operations plan update, which is required by law. The contractor will work with department heads and emergency responders throughout the county to gather information and show them how to input it into other programs that are needed to document personnel and equipment for the plan.

All HMEP grants have an 80/20 split, which means the LEPC must match 20 percent of the total cost of the project. The total expected cost is \$8,500, making the county's match \$1,700. The county can use "soft" costs, such as time spent in meetings, to make the match.

Fred Simon, emergency management director for the county, said the updated plan must be entered into a complex state computer system, which makes it advantageous to have the assistance of an outside contractor for the update. The current emergency operations plan expires on Aug. 2, 2015.

Kingman County is one of 11 Kansas counties to be awarded an HMEP grant for fiscal years 2014-15. The others are Kearny, Chautauqua, Barber, Cloud, Wabaunsee, Lincoln, Scott, Morton, Lane and Bourbon.

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