

From: Lance Gaebe, Director of the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office  
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Re: 2012 January/February/March Grant Round – Emergency Services and Response

On behalf of the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands (Land Board), **the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office is accepting grant applications for emergency services and response needs** due to oil and gas production activities. **Grant applications will be accepted until January 31, 2012.**

Project should target to improve readiness, quality and responsiveness of emergency services and response teams being impacted from oil and gas development in their area. Applications should be for projects to improve equipment; facilities; safety; planning efforts to develop or formalize county/regional mutual aid/joint powers agreements; oil industry specific training, leadership development; and obtaining assets improving emergency response Applications will be accepted from counties, cities, rural fire protection districts, ambulance districts, or other political subdivisions.

Criteria used in the scoring process includes: objective; needs relating to safety; financial need; result of energy activity; project readiness; and contribution to long term economic activity;

Approximately \$2 million is available for this grant round. The November 2011 special legislative session approved a plan to add an additional \$30 million to the oil impact fund contingent on oil and gas tax collections exceeding projections by \$48 million at the end of February 2012. Should these funds become available, the Land Board may direct additional funds to emergency services and response needs.

Staff from the Energy Impact Office will be scheduling visits with applicants to discuss details of the fund requests. Applicants will be contacted regarding the meeting arrangements. A schedule of the regional visits will be made available on the energy impact website at [www.nd.gov/energyimpact](http://www.nd.gov/energyimpact) .

The application form and lists of required supporting documentation are available on the North Dakota Energy Infrastructure and Impact Grant web page [www.nd.gov/energyimpact](http://www.nd.gov/energyimpact). This Internet site contains a PDF application form that can be printed and filled in; or a MS Word version of the application form that can be completed on-screen. Please seek the assistance of a library, school or extension office if you do not have computer and internet access to retrieve this information.

Completed applications and supporting materials can be mailed to our office at the Land Department address or e-mailed to [energyimpact@nd.gov](mailto:energyimpact@nd.gov) by the January 31, 2012 deadline.

Grant applications will be reviewed by this office and the advisory committee, with the Land Board determining the grant awards in March 2012. Funds will not be disbursed to successful grant recipients until projects or acquisitions are substantially complete and the required supporting documentation is submitted along with a request for distribution of funds..