



## HMEP Grant Gap Analysis



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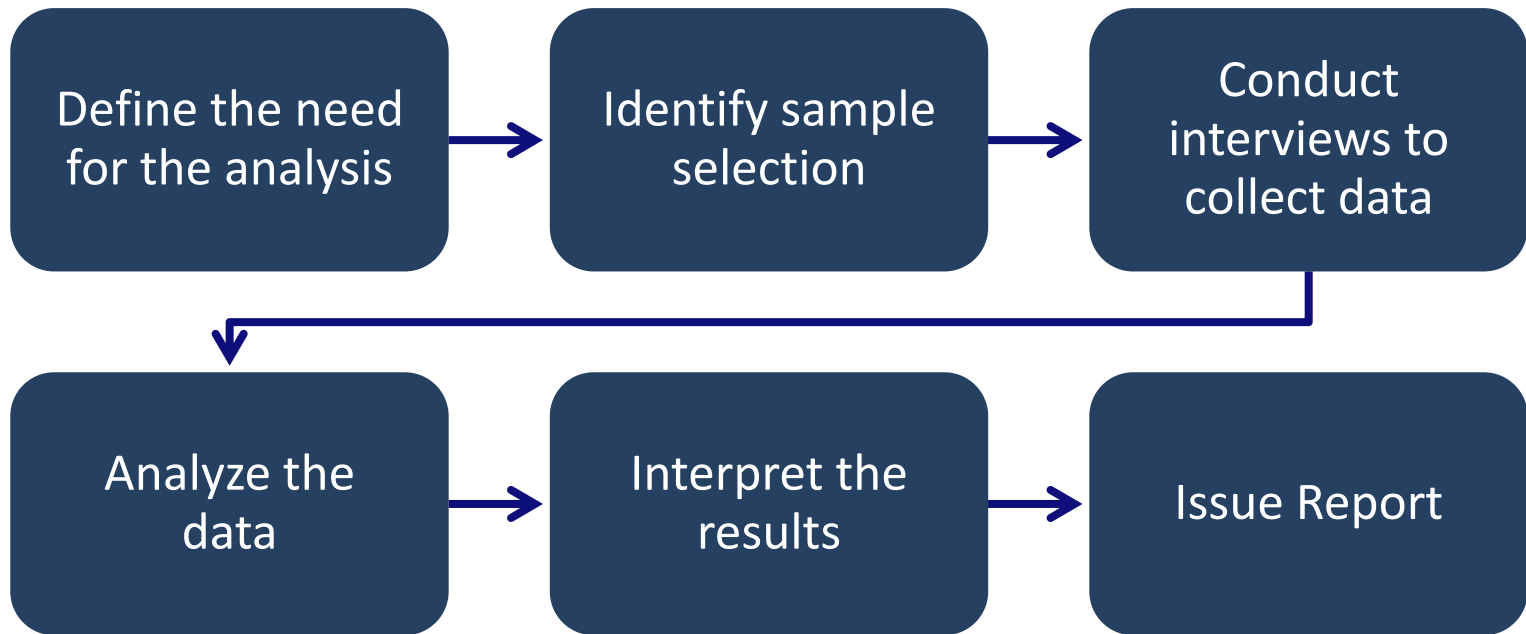


# Purpose

The purpose of the study was to **evaluate** and **assess** how **grant funds** are being utilized to **ensure the best use of funds** are being considered and **identify any gaps** for addressing all hazards that may impact the HMEP community.



# Process for the Analysis



# Focus Areas



Utilization of Funds for HAZMAT  
Response and Training



Utilization of Funds in Underserved  
Communities



Program Gaps

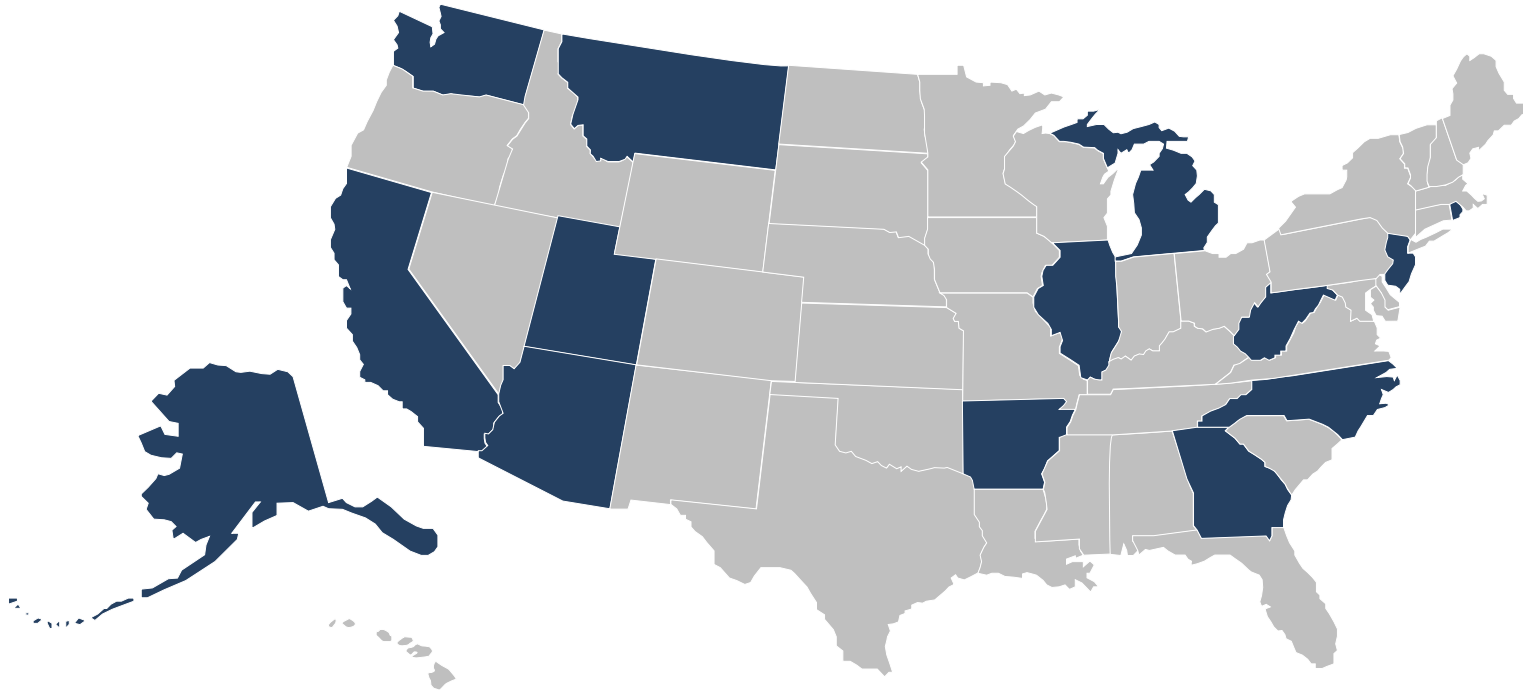


Best Practices





# Interviews



**21 HMEP Grantees**  
**14 States**  
**2 Tribal Nations**



# Thank you to the Contributors!



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# Good Practices

HazMat  
Committees

Surveys

Purchasing

Workshops

Reaching Out



Training

Stipends

Rural  
Communities

Matching  
Requirements

Exercises



# Opportunities

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Encourage **longer grant extensions**

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**Easier rollover of unused grant funds** after the first year to the next two

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**Assistance to rural and tribes** to train first responders and volunteers

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**Streamline reporting** and application processes

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**Shorten the application process** for years two and three of the three-year cycle

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**Form grantee network** to share best practices for plan development, training, and commodity flow studies

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**Provide regular grant management training** or webinars on topics to help grantees with management issues

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PHMSA could **provide criteria** on how to **define underserved** from a Hazmat perspective





# Recommendations

**HMEP Grant program could encourage more of the following:**

- **Commodities flow studies**
- Training in **rural locations** with volunteer fire and law enforcement organizations
- Funding multi-agency hazmat response **exercises crossing jurisdictional lines**
- **Crisis Communications training** for transportation hazmat incidents
- Prioritize **underserved communities** and high-risk areas
- Include **law enforcement agencies** in HMEP funded training and exercises
- **Continue to provide** venues such as the HMEP Grant **workshops** and working groups



# Open Forum

1. Has your agency been able to fully utilize your funds during your grant cycle?
2. Are there barriers preventing you from fully utilizing HMEP grant funds?
3. How do you determine which organizations receive the HMEP funds (subgrant process)?
4. Is there a method for including rural/underserved communities? (If so, please describe)
5. What can PHMSA do to improve the HMEP Grant program?
6. Other / Follow on questions or comments.



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