

**Funding Opportunity Announcement for Grant Applications
Control Number 1225-0086
Brookwood-Sago Assistance Grants Justification**

Abstract:

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is making up to \$250,000 available in grant funds for educational and training programs to help identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines under section 14 of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (MINER Act).

The focus of these grants for the Fiscal Year 2018 will be training and training materials for mine emergency preparedness and mine emergency prevention for all underground mines. Applicants for the grants may be States (including U.S. territories, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands), private or public nonprofit entities, to include Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

MSHA could award as many as five separate grants. The amount of each individual grant will be at least \$50,000.

Electronic Availability:

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov website. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 100 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

Small Entities:

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assurances of Confidentiality:

The grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special Circumstances:

This information collection complies with 5 CFR 1320.5.

Brookwood-Sago, Applications:

For the Brookwood-Sago grants, DOL would normally expect to receive 25 applications.

25 responses (1 per application) x 20 hours = 500 burden hours

MSHA estimates public reporting burden for each grant application to average 20 hours per response for reviewing instructions; searching existing data sources; gathering and maintaining the data needed; completing and reviewing the collection of information; and to prepare and submit an application in response to a Funding Opportunity Announcement. For purposes of this information collection request, DOL assumes that a professional with an hourly cost of \$59.69¹ per hour will prepare an application. Therefore, the burden cost for these reporting activities is as follows using average response times:

Burden Cost: \$29,845

DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection.

Total burden: 25 respondents (unduplicated); 25 responses; 500 hours; \$0 other cost burden.

Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods:

There are no statistical methods.

¹ Most recently available mean hourly wage of a “11-9151 Social and Community Service Manager” (Industry: states) as reported by the May 2017 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/2017/may/oes119151.htm>) is \$33.91. The reported mean value is increased for the annual change in employment costs (2.0%) as reported by BLS using series CIU30100001000001 (state and local management workers total compensation) qtr. 2 2017 to qtr. 1 2018, at <http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CIU30100001000001> and 72.6% for fringe benefits ($\$33.91 * 1.02 * 1.726 = \59.69).