



The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (ODEMHS) is accepting applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program grants from September 1st to 30th of 2023. ODEMHS is anticipating awarding up to \$50,000 which will be distributed through a competitive funding opportunity for CERT disaster preparedness, training, and education needs of Oklahomans. Funding amounts are awarded by ODEMHS. The maximum amount per award will be \$10,000 for planning, organization, equipment, training, exercise. Interested parties may apply for funding for a CERT Program.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is a training program that prepares citizens to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. Through CERT, citizens can learn about disaster preparedness and receive training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and medical operations. With this training, volunteers can provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims before emergency first responders arrive on scene.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Only applications that include the following completed items will be evaluated:

- Completed ODEMHS application template
- Must have an “established CERT team” and/or proof (documentation) to startup of CERT team.
- Letter of Support or acknowledgment from the corresponding County Emergency Management Office (except in the case where the applicant is the County Emergency Management Office)
- Team biography and when it was established, or priorities for team startup.
- Affiliation (whether through school/church/city/county who deploys team)
- Proposed budget worksheet.
- Applicant must be able to complete the project by May 31, 2024

Thank you for all you do to protect Oklahoma.

Please submit inquiries and applications to HSGrants@okohs.ok.gov