

DECEMBER MRC COORDINATOR TRAINING WEBINAR

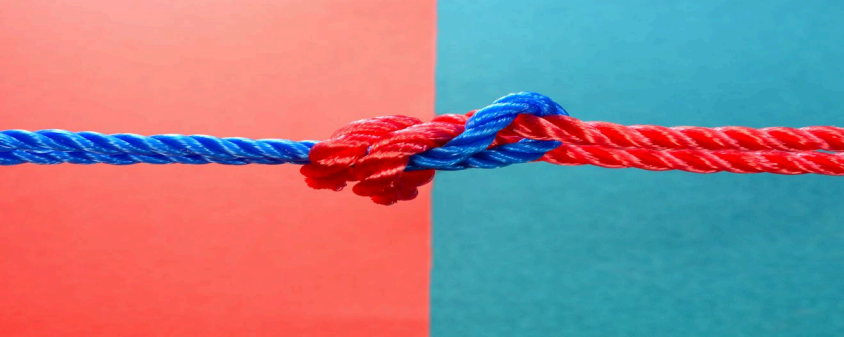
Topic: MRCIL MRC-STTRONG Projects



AGENDA

1. Goal Overview
2. Goal 1 Topics:
 1. Deployment Plan Template
 2. Needs Assessments
 3. Standardized Training Plan Template
3. Goal 2 Topics:
 1. Re“MRC”able Training Workshops
 2. MRC 101 Training
 3. Monthly Virtual Training Coordinators
4. Goal 3 Topics:
 1. Background Check and Volunteer Protections
 2. Project Specific Sub-awards
 3. New MRC Sub-Awards
 4. Emergency Go-Bag Kits
5. Goal 4 Topics:
 1. Media Company recruitment campaign development
 2. Redevelopment of MRCIL website
6. Goal 5 Topics:
 1. Support conferences throughout the state
 2. MRCIL Statewide Meeting: National MRC Conference





STRONG AWARD

\$ 2 MILLION

(THROUGH MAY 2025)

Five Overall Goals of the Two-Year Project

- 1) Bolster MRC planning
- 2) Strengthen MRCs capacity and knowledge base
- 3) Bolster MRCs capacity to respond and serve their communities
- 4) Build brand recognition
- 5) Strengthen the MRC of IL (MRCIL) , and by extension, the local MRCs

GOAL 1 TOPICS

"BOLSTER MRC PLANNING"

1. Deployment Plan Template
2. Needs Assessments
3. Standardized Training Plan Template



MRC DEPLOYMENT PLAN TEMPLATE



- This is a generalized deployment plan template and “plug-and-play” procedures for local MRC leaders to deploy their volunteers.
- Designed to be easy to use by local MRC coordinators.
- Designed to encourage and equip local MRCs to deploy volunteers as needed for emergencies
- Designed to be easily incorporated into plans that local MRCs may already have in place, or be adapted for those that do not have anything

MRC DEPLOYMENT PLAN TEMPLATE



- “Plug-and-Play” Procedure Examples:
 - Pre-deployment checklist
 - Post-deployment checklist
 - Volunteer event feedback
 - Messaging templates
 - MRC request forms
 - More...

NEEDS ASSESSMENT (VOLUNTEER AND COORDINATOR)

- Two needs assessments were conducted.
 - Volunteer
 - Coordinator
- Will assist with:
 - Training Workshops
 - Webinars
 - Plans and Policies
 - Future three-year Improvement Plan



GAP ANALYSIS (VOLUNTEER AND COORDINATOR)

- Reports from both assessments will be completed.
 - Can be used for future MRCIL planning
 - Can also be used for future state planning
 - Can be used for future funding opportunities
- Once published, they will both be made available to all MRC leaders throughout the state.



- This training plan takes results from both needs assessments
- Would show the direction in which the MRCs in Illinois would look to train to stay current
- Would assist MRCs with interoperability across jurisdictional borders
- Would assist MRCs on what training was needed for deployment outside of their jurisdiction in case of an emergency



STANDARDIZED TRAINING PLAN TEMPLATE

GOAL 2 TOPICS

"STRENGTHEN MRC'S CAPACITY AND KNOWLEDGE BASE"

1. Re"MRC"able Training Workshops
2. MRC 101 Training
3. Monthly Virtual Training Coordinators



RE“MRC”ABLE TRAINING WORKSHOPS



- Designed as a free training opportunity to:
 - Assist coordinators in providing training
 - Provide in-person training to new volunteers
 - Provide in-person training to seasoned volunteers who may need a refresher
 - Provide a networking opportunity for MRC units
 - Provide a recruitment opportunity for new potential volunteers
 - Improve community resiliency

RE“MRC”ABLE TRAINING WORKSHOP TOPICS



- Illinois Search and Rescue Council and the MRC Working Together
- Let's Put Some Pep Into Your Step: Communicating with Energy & Sidestepping Vampires
- Moulage Makeup for Injury Simulation
- Inclusive Emergency Management: Effectively Addressing the Needs of People With Disabilities and Other Individuals with Access and Functional Needs
- You Are the Help Until Help Arrives, a CERT Outlook
- MRC's Role in a Family Assistance Center/Multi-Agency Resource Center

RE“MRC”ABLE TRAINING WORKSHOP REMAINING DATES/LOCATIONS



- January 17, 2024 is in Collinsville
 - Gateway Conference Center: 1 Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234
- February 14, 2024 is in Champaign
 - I Hotel & Illinois Conference Center: 1900 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820
- March 20, 2024 is in Macomb
 - Western Illinois University: 1 University Cir, Macomb, IL 61455
- April 10, 2024 is in Carbondale
 - Southern Illinois University, Student Center: 1255 Lincoln Drive, Carbondale IL 62901

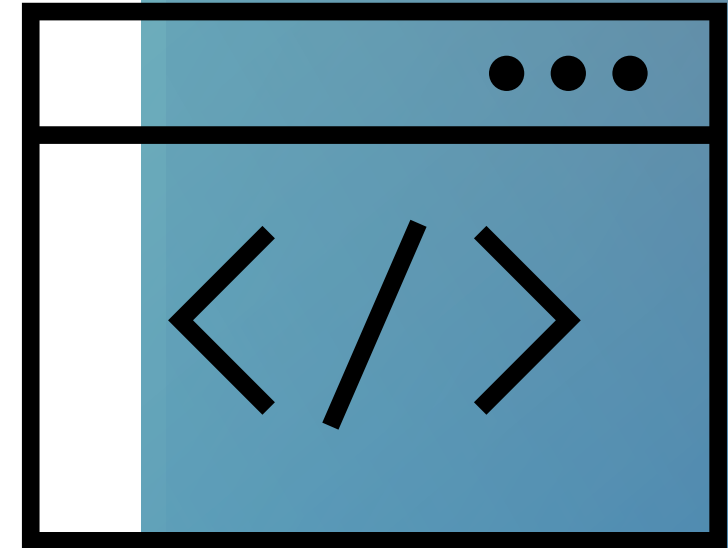
MRC 101- TRAINING

- Designed for new MRC volunteers as an MRC Orientation training
- Will be a computer-based training as well as a locally hostable training for MRC coordinators
- To help and standardization for existing and new units
- To help new coordinators
- To give the background and base for MRC and how it works in Illinois



MONTHLY VIRTUAL TRAINING COORDINATORS

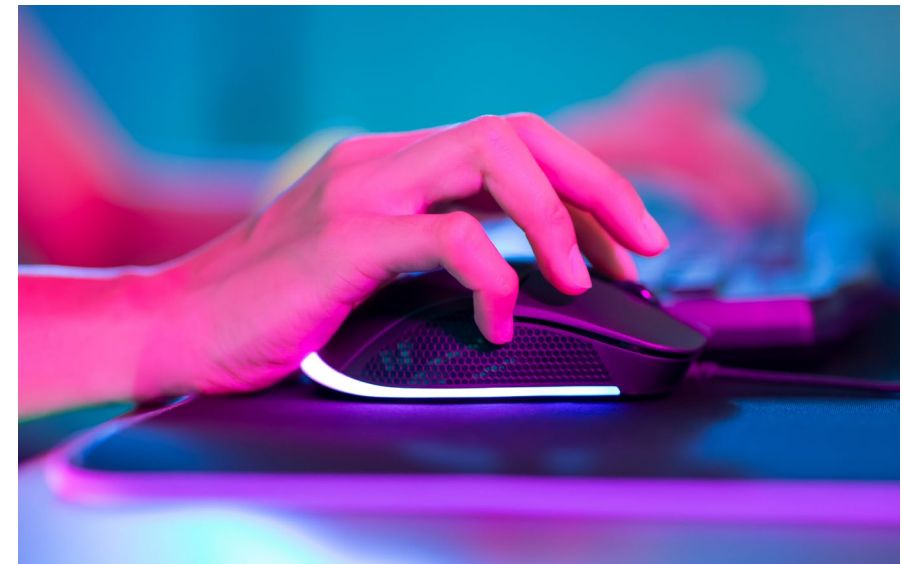
- Based on feedback provided in the coordinator needs assessment
- Will be organized by ISC on a wide variety of topics such as:
 - MRC Recruitment
 - MRC Retention
 - Grant Writing
 - Transition Planning
 - More...
- To be held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am



GOAL 3 TOPICS

“BOLSTER MRC’S CAPACITY TO RESPOND AND SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES”

1. Background Check and Volunteer Protections
2. Project Specific Sub-awards
3. New MRC Sub-Awards
4. Emergency Go-Bag Kits



BACKGROUND CHECKS/VOLUNTEER PROTECTIONS



- Funds are available to all MRC units, designed for:
 - New volunteers
 - Strike team volunteers
 - Those being sent on deployment
- Both available for:
 - Background Checks: \$120
 - Volunteer Protections: \$650

PROCESS



Purchase

MRC unit purchases background checks/volunteer protections



Submit

MRC unit submits reimbursement form with necessary receipts



Review/Reimburse

MRCIL to review and reimburse up to \$120 per MRC unit for BC and \$650 for VP



FORM REVIEW

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS OF ILLINOIS BACKGROUND CHECK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST



MRC UNIT #: _____ MRC UNIT NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ CONTACT EMAIL: _____

Housing Authority Information		Reimbursement Limitations	
Housing Authority: EIN: Address: Phone:		Background Checks: \$120.00 <i>Reimbursement is subject to the limitations listed above</i>	
Volunteer Categorization			
Please choose which category of volunteers the background checks are being used for:		<input type="checkbox"/> New Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/> Strike Team Volunteers
		<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Deployment	

System/Vendor Used	QTY	Description	Unit price	Is the receipt attached to reimbursement? [Y/N]	Line total
Total Background Check					
Total Reimbursement Requested					

Please send your receipt of payment to the vendor(s). Without receipt from the vendor(s), reimbursement will not be processed.

Medical Reserve Corps of Illinois
 Funding for this opportunity is available due to the MRCSTRONG award through ASPR.
<https://www.mrcillinois.org>; mrcillinois@gmail.com

Timeline:
 All interested parties must submit reimbursement requests no later than April 15th for proper dissemination of funds by May 31st, 2024.

- Fillable forms
- Information collected is required for the grant
- Receipt of payment must be submitted with the reimbursement request
- Information and forms on www.mrcillinois.org



VENDORS SUBMITTED FROM MRC LEADERS



Vendor	Website	Background Check	Volunteer Protection
Illinois HELPS	https://www.illinoishelps.net/	X	
Sterling Volunteers	https://www.sterlingvolunteers.com/	X	
Accurate	https://accuratebiometrics.com/illinois/services/ncpa/volunteers	X	
Clear Star	https://www.clearstar.net/non-profit-background-checks/	X	
Verified First	https://verifiedfirst.com/screening-non-profit-volunteers/	X	
Chekr	https://checkr.com/use-cases/volunteers	X	
VIS	https://visvolunteers.com/		X
Tivly	https://tivly.com/		X
CIMA	https://www.cimaworld.com/nonprofits/cima-volunteers-insurance/		X

PROJECT-SPECIFIC SUB-AWARD OVERVIEW/FOCUS AREAS



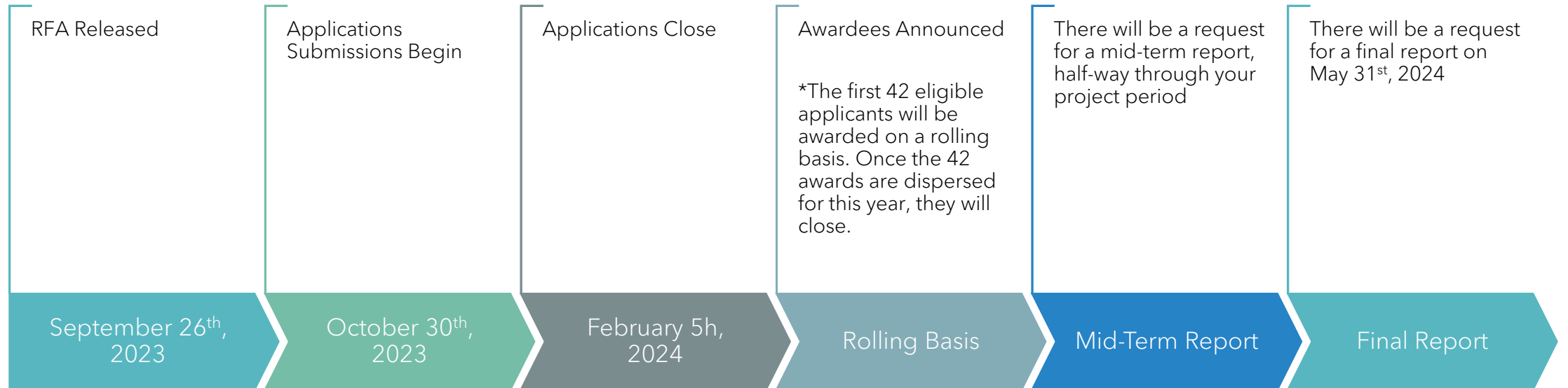
Award Overview

- Focus on areas aligned with ASPR's Priorities and MRC-STTRONG Goals and Objectives
- Address community needs
- Share results with the MRC Network in Illinois and throughout the Nation
- Must choose a minimum of one focus area

Focus Areas

- Underserved areas/populations
- At-risk individuals
- Health equity
- Severe disaster areas
- Workforce growth
- Bolster public-private partnerships
- Strike team
- Community resilience for indigenous tribes

PROJECT-SPECIFIC SUB-AWARD DATES OF IMPORTANCE



PROJECT-SPECIFIC SUB-AWARD EXPENSES: ALLOWABLE



- MRC Logoed Uniforms
- Office Supplies
- Educational Materials
- COVID Vaccine
- Food*
- Food* explained by Project Officers
- Food meals: Generally, food is not allowable unless
 - light refreshments are included under the venue rental, then this may be allowable.*
 - Outside caterers are also allowed if the food for training events is in accordance with the food guidance.
 - If the training is a full working day (8 hours); only one light meal/light refreshment may be purchased per 8-hour working day. Please ensure this guidance is followed when purchasing food.
- Do note that the one meal a day for a full-day workshop/training/conference, it must be related to the awarded project activity and with a primary purpose of dissemination of technical information beyond the recipient and is necessary and reasonable for successful performance.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC SUB-AWARD EXPENSES: RESTRICTED



- Recipients may not use funds for research or clinical care.
- Recipients may not use funds to purchase furniture.
- Recipients may not use funds to purchase sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.
- Recipients may not use over forty (40%) percent of the funding for administrative costs.
- Recipients may not use funds to advocate or promote gun control.
- Recipients may not use funds for lobbying activities.
- Recipients may not use funds for fundraising.
- Recipients may not use funds for the purchase of vehicles or vehicle parts.
- Recipients may not use funds for construction, alteration, or renovation is not permitted.
- Recipients may not use funds for promotional items or giveaways.

AWARDEES SO FAR



Madison County

Focus Area: Strike Team

Title: Mental Health First Aid Training



Monroe County

Focus Area: Strike Team

Title: Behavioral Health Strike Team



St. Clair County

Focus Areas: At-Risk Individuals/Strike Team

Title: Community Resilience through MRC Unit Strike Team for Functional Needs and Emergency Planning



Douglas County

Focus Area: Strike Team

Title: Rural Radio Communications Network



South Central

Focus Areas: Severe Disaster Areas, Workforce Growth, Bolster Public-Private Partnerships

Title: South Central Collaborative Training Initiative



Skokie

Focus Areas: Underserved Populations, At-Risk Individuals, Health Equity

Title: Homebound COVID vaccination & Opioid Overdose Pouches





NEW MRC SUB-AWARDS

- This is a completely different award, and available to two potential new units per year.
- It provides sub-awards to local agencies in areas of need and without an existing MRC.
 - To help establish or re-establish a registered MRC.
- This sub-award can be used to provide support, training, administrative help, management planning, and needed supplies to launch an MRC

EMERGENCY GO-KITS

- As a part of Goal 3, to assist in Bolstering MRC unit's capacity to respond and serve their communities, this grant will seek to provide Emergency Go-Bag Kits to each MRC
 - They are not required to be accepted, but they would be shipped directly to your unit
- Along with this would be the purchase and shipment of identifier vests.
 - Again, not required to be accepted, but would be shipped directly to your unit

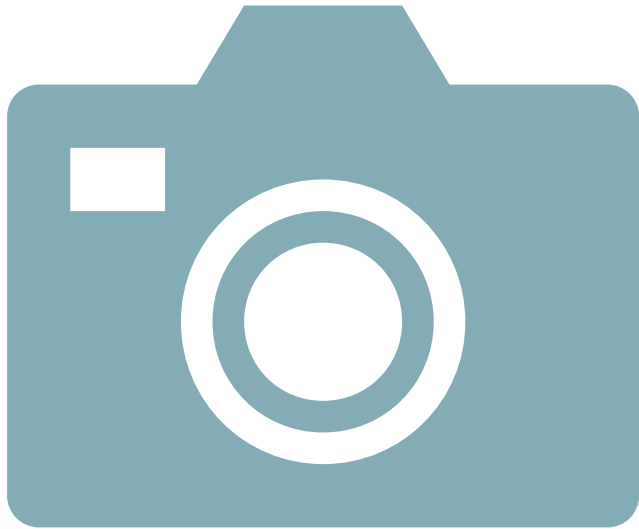


GOAL 4 TOPICS

“BUILD BRAND RECOGNITION”

- 1) Media Company recruitment campaign development
- 2) Redevelopment of MRCIL website



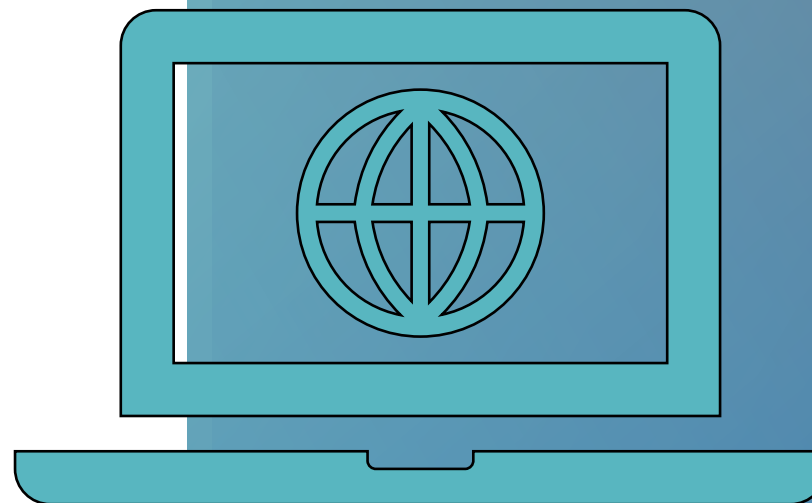


MEDIA COMPANY RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENT

- This media campaign will assist with brand recognition of the MRC across all of Illinois. This will be done by:
 - Billboard creation and locations
 - Social media marketing and management
 - Video marketing production
 - Brochure creation/printing/shipping
 - Digital ad creation
- Set to run February through April

REDEVELOPMENT OF MRCIL WEBSITE

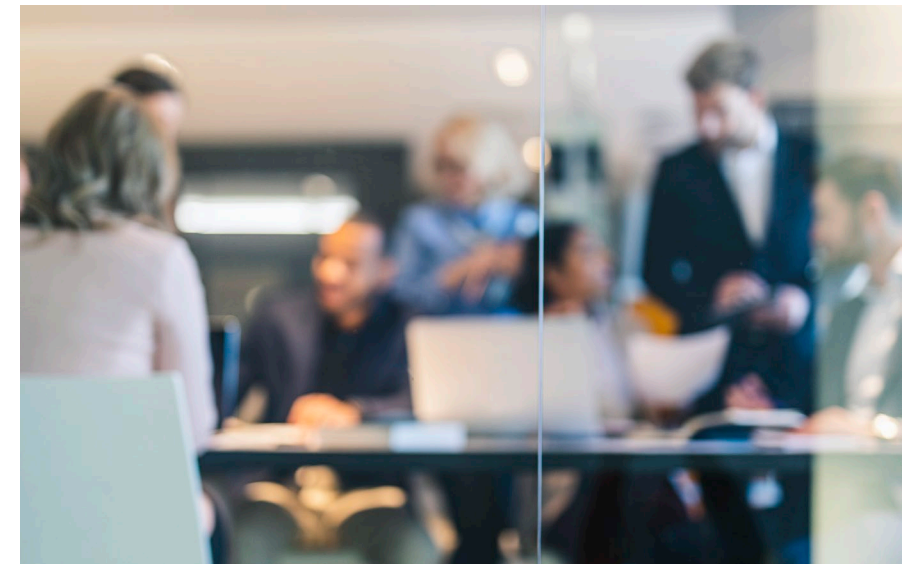
- This redevelopment of the website will make the website more:
 - User-friendly for coordinators, volunteers, and new prospective volunteers
 - Will be a one-stop-shop of great resources for local units for training, planning, and policies
 - Will have the ability for a new volunteer to look for a local unit
 - Much more...



GOAL 5

**“STRENGTHEN THE
MRC OF IL (MRCIL),
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LOCAL MRCS”**

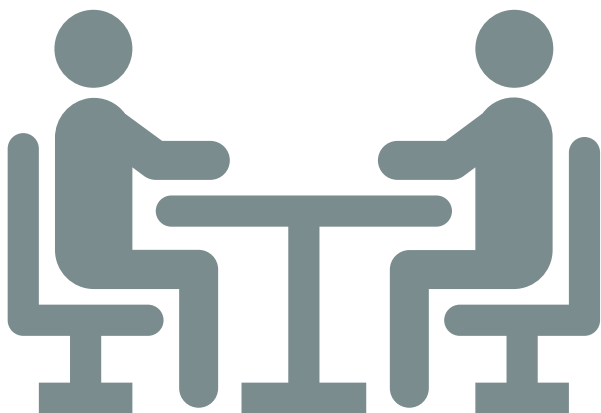
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SUPPORT CONFERENCES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

- Support conferences as a booth vendor, educating the public on the Medical Reserve Corps
 - Conferences supported in 2023:
 - Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security Training Summit-Springfield
 - In the Midst of Chaos-Tinley Park
 - Weathering the Storm- Marion
 - Whole Community Training Summit-Naperville





MRCIL STATEWIDE MEETING: NATIONAL MRC CONFERENCE

- Administrative support to in-person MRCIL meetings, coordination, facilitation, in-person support, etc.
- Goal:
 - MRC National Summit, May 22-24, 2024, in Chicago, IL
 - Have a workshop meeting at the conference facility to include an opportunity to network, meet one another, and get to know other leaders throughout the state.

ACTION ITEMS FROM YOU AS AN MRC COORDINATOR



Goal 2

- 1) Share the information for the Re“MRC”able Training Workshops with your volunteers and other partners

Goal 3

- 1) If you are interested in the BC/VP reimbursement, submit the proper paperwork to mrcillinois@gmail.com
- 2) Consider applying for a Project Specific Sub-Award

Goal 4

- 1) Submit your photos and stories for the new website and the media company

Don't ever be afraid to ask questions!



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MRC-STTRONG Projects

The Administration for Strategic Planning and Response had a grant opportunity for the MRC- State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC-STTRONG) Awards. There was only one award allowed per state, territory, tribal nation, freely associated state, and the District of Columbia. MRCIL applied with the support of the Illinois Department of Public Health and the assistance of Integrated Solutions Consulting.

MRCIL was awarded \$2 million dollars through this opportunity and is the only non-state awardee of this grant.

The overall goals for the MRCILs awarded grant are as follows:

- Goal 1: Bolster MRC planning in Illinois
- Goal 2: Strengthen MRC's capacity and knowledge base
- Goal 3: Bolster Illinois' capacity to respond
- Goal 4: Build brand recognition



THANK YOU

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