

Q & A from LEPC/LEPD Grant Webinar

When will we know if we are approved for any grant funding?

4/1/23 for this performance period

How much funding is available?

\$1 million

How much funding can be applied for per LEPC/D?

\$100,000

To clarify, this is not CEPF and will not replace CEPF funding?

Correct

Please clarify the performance date for this portion?

April 1-May 15, 2023

Since there will be two grant application periods, can we apply for both if we know supplier is unable to deliver product by May 15?

No. A new application will be opened for the next period of performance beginning in July.

Is there a match portion?

No

Will we need to have a LEPC meeting to approve the grant applications? LEPC will need to approve the items you wish to purchase, you will need to include the minutes from your meeting with your webgrants application.

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Can individual departments apply through the LEPC and purchase the equipment or does the LEPC have to purchase the equipment?

Applications must be made by the LEPC/LEPD

Will this money be available again?

We are hoping for the same amount or more in July depending on availability of funds. The next performance period is anticipated to be near July 1, 2023-May 15, 2024.

Can you use existing LEPC funds and be reimbursed?

You may use LEPC funds as long as you follow CEPF spending guidelines. If the item you wish to purchase falls outside of the spending guidelines, you will need to find a different funding source.

Will the same rules presented today on uses apply to the second round offering?

How many times will this be offered?

This will be offered every year unless house or senate reduces the funding.

Will Unmanned Aerial Vehicles be approved?

We are working on getting approval for Drones on round II

For the meeting approval, can it be an overall approval of “equipment and office supplies” through the application or does each item have to be approved individually?

Each item should be approved. You should have one meeting for the entire purchase.

Can the grant purchase vehicles?

No vehicles

Is there a limit to a section like if we would like to purchase more in one section?

No limit on sections.

Does basic firefighter training meet the requirements?

No, it would need to be hazmat training.

Electric Vehicles are covered in Basic firefighter training, a hazmat issue.

Will this training be approved?

That training could be funded as a separate training class but it could not be part of the FF I class.

Can the department make the application or does it have to go through the LEPC/D?

It needs to go through the LEPC/D

What is the WebGrants website?

<https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov>

Can we add a second user in webgrants?

Yes more than one person can be added to WebGrants

If a local hazmat team has a UEI, does the LEPD still need to set one up and run the application through the LEPD profile? Or can it just run through the existing hazmat team profile?

You would need to go through the LEPC/D and create a new profile.

Is the fiscal officer the LEPC Treasurer or County Treasurer?

The fiscal officer would be the County Treasurer.

Can you share the WebGrants Manual?

Yes we will attach the external user manual for WebGrants onto the SEMA website.

What if our LEPC does not have the funds to purchase equipment ahead of the reimbursement?

You can look for other funding sources in the county or on a case by case, limited basis, we **may** be able to offer advanced payment.

Do you plan to add the CEPF application to WebGrants moving forward?

No

If we are able to utilize county funds for initial purchase and it's reimbursed by this grant, is there anything about this grant that would prevent the county from depositing the reimbursement into general revenue?

No

Are radios eligible?

You can apply for radios but hazmat purchases will be given priority.

As there will be extra work involved in procuring, purchasing and reporting for the grant – if awarded - can grant funds be used to cover those personnel expenses? I didn't see anything in the grant guidance addressing personnel costs. It wouldn't be for day-to-day operations expenses, it would be specifically for personnel costs related to carrying out the grant. We could track it separately.

There are no Management and Administration Costs allowed under this grant.

What login do I use?

If the county is purchasing for the LEPC/LEPD, it will be the county's UEI number that should be used. It is possible for you to obtain your own UEI, but the process takes longer than the date applications are due back for this round.

SEMA WebGrant Tutorials may be found at:

<https://sema.dps.mo.gov/programs/empg.php>

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