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Tier II Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if my county's board of directors must approve the grant and this will prevent us from returning our signed award letter by June 29th?

A: NCEM is aware that the approval process may take some time in certain jurisdictions. Please do not begin expending your award until the letter is signed, and be sure to contact the NCEM EPCRA Planner at epcreporting@ncdps.gov to request an extension.

Q: What happens if all my funds are not expended by the December 31st deadline?

A: Funds not spent by December 31, 2015 shall be de-obligated back to the State; however, we want to work with all the counties to ensure that all of the funds are expended in support of the LEPCs.

Q: Are operational equipment purchases such as protective clothing for responders, portable wind socks to place on first in engines, or similar items eligible under the grant?

A: The intent of this grant is to support the implementation of LEPCs, and equipment generally considered to be operational in nature (such as first responder PPE and wind socks for engines) is not currently eligible under this year's Tier II Grant.

However, if justification is provided to us showing that the equipment's first priority is for planning/training/exercise, and the LEPC gives their approval for the purchase, then it would be considered for eligibility.

Q: Is the purchase of computer hardware and software eligible under the grant?

A: If the purchase is primarily intended for planning, training, or exercise (as opposed to operations), and the LEPC gives their approval for the purchase, then it would be considered for eligibility.

Q: When I submit the Cost Documentation Form, do I also need to provide supporting documentation of purchases such as invoices or checks cut to pay?

A: For this year's (2015) Tier II Grant Award, NCEM will not require supporting documentation such as invoices or receipts to be sent to us with the Cost Documentation Form. We will look at requiring this documentation to be sent to us for next year's 2016 award. However, it is the county's responsibility to retain such documentation for their records in the event of an audit or should additional details be required in order to justify expense eligibility.

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