

Eligibility

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Public Health Activity, Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Health Activity

Many nonprofit organizations that provide public health related programs and services to individuals or conduct research in support of medical treatment are eligible to receive surplus property.

Public Health Activity means an approved, accredited, or licensed nonprofit medical facility, entity, or organization that primary furnishes health and medical services through the conduct of research for any such purpose, experiments, training, or demonstrations related to cause, prevention, and methods of diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries. The term includes hospitals, clinics, alcohol and drug abuse treatment centers, health or treatment centers, research and health centers, geriatric centers, laboratories, medical schools, dental schools, nursing schools, and similar institutions. The term does not include institutions primarily engaged in domiciliary care although a separated medical facility within such a domiciliary institution may qualify as a medical institution.

Accredited means approval by a recognized accrediting board or association on a regional, State, or national level, such as State Board of Health or the American Hospital Association.

Approved means recognition and approval by State department of health, or other appropriate authority where no recognized accrediting board, association, or other authority exists for making an accreditation. For a public health institution or program, approval must relate to the medical requirements and standards for the professional and technical services of the institution established by the appropriate authority. A health institution or program is considered as approved when a State body with authority under law to establish standards and requirements for public health institutions renders approval to the facility by accreditation procedures, by licensing or other method prescribed by State law. In the absence of an official State approving authority for a public health institution, the award of research grants to the institution or organization by a recognized authority such as the National Institute of Health, or by similar national advisory council or organization may constitute approval of the institution or program provided all other criteria are met.

Clinic means an approved public or nonprofit facility organized and operated for the primary purpose of providing outpatient public health services and includes customary related services such as laboratories and treatment rooms.

Drug abuse or alcohol treatment center means a clinic or medical institution that provides for the diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation of alcoholics or drug addicts. These centers must have on their staffs, or available on a regular visiting basis, qualified professionals in the fields of medicine, psychology, psychiatry, or rehabilitation.

Health center means an approved public or nonprofit facility that provides public health services, including related facilities such as diagnostic and laboratory facilities and clinics.

Hospital means an approved or accredited public or nonprofit institution providing public health services primarily for inpatient medical or surgical care of the sick and injured and includes related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient departments, training facilities, and staff offices.

Licensed means recognition and approval by the appropriate State or local authority that approves institutions or programs in a specialized area. Licensing generally accounts for established minimum public standards of safety, sanitation, staffing, and equipment as they relate to the construction, maintenance, and operation of a health facility, rather than to the medical standards for these institutions.

Nonprofit tax-exempt activity means an institution or organization, which is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Public Health Institution means an approved, accredited, or licensed public or nonprofit institution, facility, or organization conducting a public health program(s) such as a hospital, clinic, health center, or medical institution, including research for such programs, the services of which are available to the public.

Apply for Eligibility

To apply to receive surplus property simply open, print, and fill-out the [Public Health Eligibility Application](#).

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

Facilities that require approval, accreditation or licensing must provide current documentation of status (see definitions above)

Include a complete narrative of your program with your application.

Include type of services, numbers of beds and/or patients served, facilities, staff, etc.

A copy of the program's current financial statement must accompany the application

A copy of the tax-exempt ruling must accompany the application.

The ruling must have the correct name and address of the applicant organization. If not, request a name and/or address correction from the Internal Revenue Services, Mail Code 4910, 1100 Commerce, Dallas, Texas 75242, telephone (214) 767-3526.

Please remember to send the required attachments: Scan and email, mail or hand-deliver to:

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