



## NEW GRANT FOR 2022: ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLANNING & INSPECTIONS



### POTENTIAL FOR ASBESTOS EXPOSURE IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Asbestos is a heat-resistant fibrous silicate mineral that was added to virtually every kind of building material from around 1950 to 1970 to increase durability and fire resistance. It was also at this time that about half of all schools in the U.S. were built. Until the 1980s, asbestos was added to products used in classrooms, auditoriums, teachers' lounges, school corridors, and other high-traffic areas.

### ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (ASHERA)

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (ASHERA) to protect students and teachers from asbestos exposure in school buildings.

ASHERA requires public school districts and nonprofit private schools to:

- Perform an original inspection and periodic re-inspections every three years for asbestos-containing material. Re-inspections must be performed by an ASHERA accredited Asbestos Inspector.
- Develop, maintain, and update an asbestos management plan. A copy must be kept in the school building, as well as in the district's administrative office.
- Designate and train a person to oversee asbestos-related activities
- Perform periodic visual surveillance every six months of all known or suspected asbestos-containing building material
- Provide custodial staff with asbestos hazard awareness training.

### NEW ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD ASSESSMENT GRANT IN 2022

The Oregon Department of Education's Office of School Facilities will offer school districts a grant for Asbestos Management Planning & Inspections starting in 2022 under the Technical Assistance Program (TAP).

The grant will pay for costs incurred during the grant period of **January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023**, as well as pre-award costs incurred *after July 1, 2021*.

Eligible costs include:

- Pre-renovation/demolition surveys (asbestos sampling)
- Initial ASHERA inspections and 3-year re-inspections
- 6-month periodic surveillance
- ASHERA-related training for district personnel – both new and refresher courses
- Upgrading to a web-based record-keeping system

Please note that the TAP grant will not cover asbestos abatement.

### HOW TO APPLY?

Districts must submit a one-page application during the grant application period of **January 15 – February 15, 2022**. For the TAP grant for Asbestos Management Planning & Inspections, \$25,000 will be made available to each district with a successful application.

Please find the **Asbestos Environmental Hazard Assessment Grant [application here](#)** or on the [TAP webpage](#) and once completed, send it via email to [ODE.SchoolFacilities@state.or.us](mailto:ODE.SchoolFacilities@state.or.us). Early and late applications will not be accepted.

# GUIDANCE FOR ASBESTOS GRANT

## PRIORITIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Each application is eligible to receive up to 6 preference points. These are as follows:

- 1) The district is due to conduct its 3-year re-inspection of asbestos-containing material in each school facility. (Last inspection conducted in 2019 or earlier).
- 2) The district needs to provide training to a staff person to oversee asbestos-related activities and/or needs to provide asbestos awareness training to custodial staff.
- 3) The district has at least 50% or more of its schools built before 1980.\*
- 4) The district has under 2,500 ADMr according to the annual reports for the same school year as used to calculate the Priority List under OAR 581-027-0010.\*
- 5) The district has 25% or more of its ADMr identified as Students in Poverty. See OAR 581-027-0010.\*
- 6) The district has submitted and/or updated their facilities information to ODE's Buildings Collection by February 15 of the year to which they are applying.\*

\*As determined by ODE.

## ESTIMATING AHERA-RELATED COSTS

Estimated costs were based on examples from 9 school districts in Oregon that have hired out these services. These estimated costs demonstrate that a grant of \$25,000 covers many AHERA-related costs for small to large districts. Even if a larger district completed a 3-year re-inspection, 6-month periodic surveillance, training for staff, and transitioned to a web-based record-keeping system during the grant period, these costs would not exceed the statutory limit of \$25,000.

### AHERA Services

3 Year Re-inspection: \$3,340 - \$5,240

6 Month Periodic: \$2,580 - \$4,480

Sr. Project Manager: \$135/hr. AHERA Services

### Training Services (per person)

24-hr Asbestos Inspector: \$500

16-hr Asbestos Management Planner: \$375

24-hr Asbestos Project Designer: \$950

16-hr Asbestos Class III Operations and Maintenance: \$250

### Web-based Data Management Software (Verdant)

Year 1: \$2,500.00 - \$3,750

Year 2: \$1,250 - \$1,875

Data Migration from Spreadsheets: \$2,000 - \$5,000

## FINDING ASBESTOS INSPECTORS AND TRAINING PROVIDERS

Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality has a list of [Accredited Asbestos Inspectors](#) as well as a list of [Accredited Asbestos Training Providers](#).

Appropriately trained district personnel may also perform inspections and 6-month surveillance. See below for reimbursement requirements.

## REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE TAP GRANTS

Districts are first required to submit a signed copy of the district's grant agreement by no later than June 1, 2022.

The following documentation must be sent via email to the TAP Administrator, [Leanna Heiman](#) for review and approval. Once approved, the district may proceed with submitting a payment claim in EGMS.

- A copy of the re-inspection report or link to the report online
- Asbestos sampling lab report(s), if sampling was completed
- A copy of the 6-month surveillance checklist
- Invoices from Accredited Asbestos Training Providers that include a description of the training taken
- Invoices from Accredited Asbestos Inspectors that include a description of the scope of work performed
- Invoices from Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) management software company that includes a description of the work entailed for the district to upgrade to a web-based record-keeping system
- A financial report for Function Code 2540 / Object Code 112 or 114 specific to the appropriately trained district personnel's earned wages while performing re-inspection, sampling, and/or surveillance of asbestos-containing materials

## RELATED RESOURCES

[EPA – Asbestos and School Buildings](#)

[State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Accredited Asbestos Inspectors](#)

[State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Accredited Asbestos Training Providers](#)

[Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity](#)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the [Technical Assistance Program's webpage](#) or Email the TAP Administrator, Leanna Heiman, [leanna.heiman@state.or.us](mailto:leanna.heiman@state.or.us)