



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Q: Are Tribes eligible for the SPIRE Grant.

A: Yes, federally recognized Tribes are eligible to apply for the SPIRE Grant Program.

Q: Can I get an item that is not on the list?

A: No. Only the specific items on the list are available for distribution. For example, if an item is listed as a 30kW Generator, it does not mean ANY 30kW Generator. It will be a specific brand and model that is available through the state's existing procurement framework. Brand names were removed during grant development. Applicants may only select from options and minimum configurations listed. Equipment may have additional capabilities but not less than what is listed.

Q: What about insurance, registration, or other costs for vehicles?

A: As specified in the grant guidance, all costs involved with the operation of the equipment are the responsibility of the applicant. This includes, but is not limited to training, insurance, software, subscriptions, maintenance, and repairs.

Q: What is an approved USAR Team?

A: An approved USAR team is one that meets the following criteria:

- Full-time paid or combination fire department capable of deploying NIMS Type 4 USAR Team (22-person) within 24 hours and self-sustained for up to 14 days
- Appropriate covered, secured storage for awarded equipment
- Provide a roster of USAR-trained personnel, including date and type of training received
- Provide an annual USAR training plan and budget

Q: Can an applicant choose an equipment provider?

A: No, all procurement will be identified by OEM prior to the final award announcement.

Q: Would multiple Tribes partnering be considered a Region without County involvement?

A: Yes, as long as they were close enough to each other to support each other.

Q: How many pieces of equipment can one applicant apply for?

A: Each qualified applicant can submit three applications, but can be part of as many other applications as they seem comfortable with.

Q: Can we apply for more than one piece of equipment of the same application?

A: No, only one piece of equipment per application.

Q: What if our organization does not meet the eligibility criteria requirements for the USAR equipment? Can we still apply?

A: Yes. With your application tell us what your team consist of. How many positions, how many trained and how will the equipment being applied for move your team towards the NIMS Type 4 Team.

This document will be edited and updated, as needed. Please contact Jim Jungling with additional questions.