

DEMA Public Assistance Application and Guidance Q & A

Questions and Answers:

1. How to register for tomorrow's Public Assistance Applicant training? (Valerie Watson, DTI)

Invites will be sent out directly to agencies. Links are also available below. (Josh Kelly, DEMA)

<https://dema.delaware.gov/recoveryAssistance/index.shtml>

<https://dema.delaware.gov/recoveryAssistance/index.shtml?dc=frmGrantPortalRegistration>

<https://delaware.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=18791385a717f767436c966e3&id=213f12b1a3>

2. What is the timing of reimbursements? (Art Jenkins, DOT)

Reimbursement timing is dependent upon type of project and complexity of claim. For example, reimbursement for documented overtime could be as early as the fall. (Josh Kelly, DEMA)

3. Is overtime eligible for reimbursement? (Valerie Watson, DTI)

Yes, not only direct overtime, but also where employees have been redeployed to another assignment for coverage directly related to the COVID19 response. DEMA will meet with the agency to review all potential costs and provide further guidance. (Josh Kelly, DEMA)

4. Are incurred statewide telephone costs eligible (i.e. conference group charges monthly)? (Xiaofei Ni, DTI)

Potentially, would have to prove how these costs link to life threatening/saving activities. DEMA will meet with the agency to review all potential costs and provide further guidance. (Josh Kelly, DEMA)

5. Will agencies be able to receive reimbursement for COVID costs from the CRF? (Kim Giarantino, DOC)

Funds that have been expended for COVID costs will be evaluated for reimbursement to the State from CRF funds as well as other potential federal funding opportunities given the timing of the FEMA applications. We are anticipating the determination of other expenses incurred by the State to be reviewed after the FEMA eligibility is determined (or at least identified as potential). Those remaining COVID related expenditures will need to be evaluated and balanced against other CRF priorities (those mentioned during the call, i.e. the cost of Essential Child Care Centers remaining open). (Chris Hudson, OMB)

6. When will agencies receive CRF (reimbursement) funding direction from OMB? (Kim Giarantino, DOC)

Given the answer above, agencies may or may not receive reimbursement for COVID related expenses. It is likely that some of the day to day (non-special program expenditures) will be evaluated after the FEMA applications are developed by each agency. Given the closeness of the year end close, some of those decisions may not be made until FY 21. (Chris Hudson, OMB)

7. If an agency is awarded a subgrant (i.e. CJC) should the COVID-19 program code continue to be used? (Kim Giarantino, DOC)

Receiving other federal funds does not restrict the use of the program code, please continue to do so as we look to understand the best usage of federal funding moving forward. (Chris Hudson, OMB)

8. How much total funding is available to the state under CRF? (Valerie Watson, DTI)

\$927.3 million (Chris Hudson, OMB)