



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION # 34307-32724
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FOR
LICENSED AMBULANCE SERVICES IN TENNESSEE
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: MAY 10, 2024

RFA # 34307-32724 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFA Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFA dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT	TIME (Central Time)	DATE (all dates are state business days)
1. RFA issued		CONFIRMED
2. Pre-response Teleconference	10:00 a.m.	CONFIRMED
3. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	CONFIRMED
4. State response to written "Questions and Comments"		May 10, 2024
5. Deadline for Applications	2:00 p.m.	May 15, 2024
6. Evaluation Notice released		May 24, 2024
7. Effective start date of contract		July 1, 2023

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFA.

Any restatement of RFA text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFA document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1 Was the teleconference recorded?	Yes, the link for the recording is: RFA #34307-32724 Teleconference-20240508 1500-1

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<p>2 Question #4 on the Request for Funding is confusing. Can you clarify please?</p> <p>We have nothing on order (because no grant money has been awarded). I am not sure of the definition of pending? We have quotes so we know what pricing to submit for but we would not order until we know we have been awarded the grant. I think that would qualify as pending but wanted to get clarification.</p> <p>If we put no, it would seem that the grant could be denied because that indicates that we cannot receive it before the June 30 deadline (which we can).</p>	<p>Question # 4 is asking if you have items that are currently on order or pending an order that will be received by the June 30, 2024 deadline.</p>
<p>3 Does this grant covers apparatuses or is it just equipment?</p>	<p>The grant is for the purchase of equipment utilized for patient care.</p>
<p>4 Does Procure or service contract attached to Equipment will qualify?</p>	<p>No. Only the equipment itself will be covered by the grant. Warranty / maintenance agreements are not considered equipment and are not eligible.</p>
<p>5 Are additional charges associated with an eligible piece of equipment, such as shipping, freight, and warranty eligible for inclusion in the grant request? If so, should those charges be combined with the base equipment price and listed as one item on the grant application or detailed out and listed separately?</p>	<p>Equipment prices should be included. Add on items, such as warranty, shipping and freight are not considered equipment and are not covered by the grant.</p>
<p>6 May a service submit an application for eligible equipment it has not yet purchased but intends to purchase if awarded the grant, so long as the equipment can be received and paid for by June 30, 2024?</p>	<p>Yes, if an item is purchased and received prior to the grant deadline of June 30, 2024 then it is eligible for grant funding.</p>
<p>7 Our service has purchased 1 new ambulance (\$340,000ish) and 1 remounted ambulance (\$190,000ish) this year. Included with each is an autoloader and power cot. One has the autoloader and cot listed in the invoice the other does not.</p> <p>Can I request the entire amount of each ambulance because of how they are invoiced even if the total amount is more than \$150,000.00?</p>	<p>No. The invoice that list the autoloader and cot can be submitted for reimbursement for just those items as long as purchase was from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. While an ambulance is needed for transport of equipment and the patient, it does not meet the definition of equipment for patient care.</p>
<p>8 Sample Grant Contract Section A.6. - What State Data are we going to have?</p>	<p>This is a requirement that must be in all contracts. It is relevant only if you are collecting State data.</p>
<p>9 Can the response and all supporting documentation for this Grant be submitted by Mail or Delivery service as opposed to online? If so can you clarify the exact</p>	<p>No, everything must be uploaded due to the time stamp. If you have problems uploading, please reach out to the Competitive Procurement Coordinator, Melissa Painter and she can assist.</p>

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address you would accept the Application for this Grant and who and how it needs to be addressed? It might be easier to submit a paper copy with all the supporting documents.	
10 Would refurbished equipment and also warranty/maintenance agreements be eligible?	Yes, refurbished equipment will qualify for the grant. Warranty / maintenance agreements are not considered equipment and are not eligible.
11 How will the application be scored?	Scoring / Evaluation is explained in the RFA under section V
12 Will purchased items be scored higher than items not yet purchased?	No, they will not be scored higher. The items are eligible if received by June 30, 2024.
13 Will items being quoted and will be purchased and delivered before June 30th, 2024 score higher and are they eligible?	No, they will not be scored higher. The items are eligible if received by June 30, 2024.
14 Will not already purchased items (quoted equipment) be eligible?	Items that are purchased and received within the grant period will be considered valid purchases.
15 Being a 501 C3 organization do we need to be registered with the Tennessee Secretary of state's office? Not being registered will this void our application?	I would contact the Secretary of State's office to find out if you should be registered. It will not void the application.
16 Does RFA cover purchase of refurbished equipment? i.e. Monitors	Yes
17 Does the request cover cost of shipping, freight, instillation of equipment, additional, and warranties?	No. Equipment costs are covered by the grant.
18 Will the costs for warranty/procare, and shipping be included for the cost of the new equipment purchased?	No. Equipment costs are covered by the grant.
19 I wanted to verify that a new engine for an ambulance does or does not qualify for the grant.	No, an ambulance engine does not qualify as patient care equipment.
20 Does purchasing a used ambulance count for the grant?	The grant is for the purchase of equipment utilized for patient care. While an ambulance is needed for transport of equipment and the patient, it does not meet the definition of equipment for patient care.
21 If we ordered equipment before July 1, 2023, but it did not arrive, and was not paid for until after July 1, 2023, would it qualify for this grant?	No, the equipment must be ordered and paid for during the grant contract period of July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.
22 If we had equipment that was paid for already by using State funds provided to our county, or American Rescue Plan Act funds, could we apply that equipment to this grant for reimbursement?	No. Equipment purchased using grant funding from any other source would not qualify for funding from this grant.
23 Sample Grant Contract - Do I need to fill out the info listed in red and upload it with our application or is this just an example of what the contract will consist of if awarded? The final two pages titled "Grantee's Application" and "Annual Final Report" seem to be a duplication of the	No, you do not need to do anything with the Sample Grant Contract except review it. If you are awarded, the grant contract will be sent to you filled out for you to sign. The attachments to the contract are attachments to the contract and do not need to be submitted with the application packet.

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application. Do they need to be submitted with the application?	
24 Would a PowerLoad and PowerCot for a new truck that has been ordered but not received be eligible on the grant? The expected delivery date for the ambulance is October 2024.	No. Equipment must be received within the grant period.

3. **RFA Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFA not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.