

TMPC ARRA DEAAG FAQs

Q: Where can I view the information on this opportunity?

A: Please go to <http://governor.state.tx.us/military/> and look at the second paragraph on the page. The last sentence will have a link http://governor.state.tx.us/files/military/DEAAG-ARRA_RFA.pdf that will open with the full RFA text.

Q: If we've requested that the data in an application for the grant that was cancelled be migrated, is there anything else we should do?

A: Yes: You need to login to your eGrants account and resubmit and recertify the application by the application closing date (5:00PM, May 10, 2010).

Q: Do I need to request prior approval to apply for this grant through the eGrants Help Desk?

A: No, you do not need to request approval. You do, however, need to register the first time you use the system.

Q: When is the closing date for this solicitation?

A: 5:00 PM, May 10, 2010.

Q: The current application on the website shows a closing date of 3/20/2010. The solicitation states May 10, 2010 as the closing date. Is this an error?

A: No, this is not an error. The solicitation was originally opened on 02/05/10 and was cancelled. It re-opened on 04/06/2010 and will close 05/10/10 at 5:00 PM. Please refer to the second to last listing on the Funding Schedule Calendar found by clicking this link: <https://cjidonline.governor.state.tx.us/fundopp.aspx> .

Q: Have the funds been allocated already?

A: No, the solicitation is open and will close 5:00 PM, May 10, 2010.

Q: The RFA only indicates that the funds can be used for retraining defense workers and/or for the purchase or lease of equipment. Are indirect costs allowed? Are salaries for personnel allowed?

A: Indirect costs and personnel salaries are not allowable uses of funds for this grant opportunity.

Q: Can the grant proceeds be used for both of the following items?

- 1) Retraining expenses (classes; instructors, etc.) and;
- 2) The purchase or lease of equipment used to retrain defense workers.

A: Grants funds may not be used for instructors salaries. The funds may be used for the purchase or lease of classroom equipment.

Q: What is the "Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID)"?

A: This is your tax identification number which will be 9 digits long and typically begins with a 7. Please only enter the digits of your ID and not any extra numbers or characters (i.e. no hyphen).

Q: In order to create a timeline for the budget and activities, when do you anticipate making the award for this program? I noticed in the RFA that the funds must be fully expended by February 28, 2011, so I assume that awards will be distributed quickly, but I wanted to confirm that assumption.

A: The Texas Military Preparedness Commission will hold an open public meeting May 20, 2010 in Austin, Texas, during which the applications will be voted on. Awards will be processed promptly after this meeting.

Q: Where would we learn if our community is an "Adversely Affected Defense Community" or a "Positively Affected Defense Community." Is there a public list? If so, where?

A: There is no list. However, determination is made based on [Government Code 486.003\(b\)\(c\)](#) .

Q: Our service area includes Taylor County, which encompasses Dyess Air Force Base as well as our Abilene campus; however, our taxing district does not include Taylor County. Could you please clarify the following statement under qualifying entities: a public junior college district all or part of which is located in a defense community in Texas. Does district as stated above include our entire 4-county service area or only our taxing district?

A: TMPC defines a defense community or facility as follows:

Defense Community -- A political subdivision, including a municipality, county, or special district, that is adjacent to, is near, or encompasses any part of a defense facility or base.

Defense Facility -- A military base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including leased space, that is controlled by, or primarily supports, DoD's activities.

Please note that the definition includes one that is adjacent to or near a defense facility. Applications should explain the basis for eligibility claimed by the applicant.

Q: Is the Austin- Round Rock MSA (and /or any of the following counties: Travis, Williamson, Blanco, Gillespie, Caldwell, Bastrop, Hays Counties) a "defense community"? Is it an Adversely Affected Defense Community"? Is it a "Positively Affected Defense Community"?

A: Please see the eligibility criteria above.

Q: Odessa College serves an educational service district that encompasses the following counties: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Ector, Gaines, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties. Do we qualify to apply for grant funds set aside by TMPC for defense communities?

A: Please see the eligibility criteria above.

Q: I am writing to ask a question about the location of Texas State Technical College in Marshall. We would love to apply for this grant; however, we are not sure if we meet the qualification as a "defense dependant community". We are located about 40 miles from Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. The local DOD plants have limited operations here. They were, Longhorn Ammunition Plant and Red River Army Depot.

We are just not sure of a defense community in Texas. Can you shed more light on this, in our area of Marshall Texas.

A: Please see the eligibility criteria above.