

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 for the heading that states “2010 RFA #1 - Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Solicitation to Retrain Defense Workers (DEAAG – ARRA)” and click on the third link down where it states “ To view the full RFA please [click here.](#)” to view the full RFA.

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, July 26, 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, July 26, 2010.

Q: Have the funds been allocated already?

A: No, the solicitation is open and will close 5:00 PM, July 26, 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: Grant 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 August 19, 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.

Second Round Additional Questions:

Q: Can you provide a listing of grants funded in the last funding cycle and the contact for those grants?

A: In the last funding cycle two grants were awarded – Tarrant County College (1-817-515-8223) and Coastal Bend College (1-361-358-2838).

Q: Can you give us access to a successful TMPC grant application from the previous round for example purposes?

A: TMPC grant applications are official agency records and can be accessed via a formal Public Information Request. Please click on the following link and follow the instructions provided <http://governor.state.tx.us/contact/>.

Q: Is the submission of the Board resolution required for the TMPC grant? If the Board is not scheduled to meet prior to the deadline, will a letter of commitment from the Board president suffice until the resolution can be approved by the full Board? Our next Board meeting is the day after the July 26 submission deadline.

A: Yes, a letter from the Board President will suffice. Please send in the executed and approved resolution once the full Board meets.

Q: The RFA for the TMPC grant states that funds may only be used for equipment. "Funding may only be used for equipment purchases. Other expenditures included in the budget will not be funded and may cause the application to be rejected." The online e-grants information indicates that "capital" was removed. Will the budget fund any expenditures other than equipment? If so, what are the other allowable expenditures?

A: The removal of the word capital allows the purchase of equipment other than capital equipment. However, only equipment purchases may be funded with this grant.