

Health Refrigeration Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: I have completed the grant application but received an error message that there are incomplete fields.

A: One primary reason that message may be appearing is that in the Application Forms section (screenshot below), there are two forms to fill out:

- Application for Corner Stores & Small Businesses
- Application for Cities, Counties, & Nonprofits

In [this training video](#), starting at minute 14:57, it walks through the process of how to complete both of these application forms. It looks like you only need to fill out one of the two forms (based on your entity type) with actual answers, and for the other form, you may respond with “N/A” when you fill it out.

2023 Healthy Refrigeration Grant Program - Equipment RFA

Progress: Opportunity Details (checked), Evaluation & Scoring (checked), Project Information (unchecked), Application Forms (2) (active), Submit (unchecked)

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Application for Corner Stores & Small Businesses	New	Print
Application for Cities, Counties, & Nonprofits	New	Print

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Eligibility

Q: Is temperature monitoring of refrigerators covered in this grant?

A: Yes, temperature monitoring for refrigerators is an allowable expense under this grant.

Q: Can my organization use the refrigeration for prepared meals, like sandwiches?

A: Prepared meals, such as sandwiches, do not qualify. Minimally processed foods that can be stocked in new equipment now include food prepared using traditional processes to make food edible, safe for

consumption, or to preserve it, including smoking, roasting, freezing, drying, and fermenting; or using physical processes that do not fundamentally alter the raw product or that only separate a whole, intact food into component parts, for example, grinding meat, separating eggs into albumen and yolk, and pressing fruits to produce juices.

Q: Are refrigerated vehicles eligible?

A: Yes, if they are delivering (or selling) food directly to low-income or low-food access clientele refrigerated vehicles are an allowable expense. Applicants requesting equipment such as a refrigerated truck should describe in their application why this type of equipment is needed and select the most energy efficient and lowest GWP equipment available.

Small Business

Q: What documents can I use to demonstrate I'm a small business?

A: For the small business documentation upload in the application, businesses can upload their Small Business Certification if they have it. If not, they may upload a written self-attestation describing how they meet the small business requirements listed in the RFA and include either their Federal Employer ID number or Taxpayer ID number. A simple attestation written with this info would be sufficient to upload as documentation if there is no business certification. Keep in mind that CDFA can conduct audits at any time to verify accuracy. Additionally, small businesses will be verified, to be in good standing, by the CA Secretary of State's office before receiving funding.

Budget

Q: On the equipment spreadsheet under the "Total Equipment Cost" column - would this be all costs associated with the equipment such as tax, labor, equipment removal? Or just the cost of equipment by itself?

A: The total equipment cost would be the equipment and its taxes. The total equipment cost would NOT include the labor and equipment removal. There is a line for those on the budget spreadsheet.

Q: Is there a minimum or maximum award amount?

A: is no minimum or maximum allowable amount applicants may request within the available funding pool. While there are no restrictions on the amount of funding an applicant can apply for, CDFA reserves the right to make partial awards and all proposed items may not be allowable or funded.