

April 4th, 2024 – Lowered Reimbursement Threshold for Regulatory Oversight Charges and Round 1 Amendment Updates

ECRGoodMorning Everyone!

We generally have a fixed topic for our ECRGoodMornings, but today we have several different updates that we would like to share with you.

Lowered Reimbursement Request Threshold for Regulatory Oversight

In order to avoid late fines and interest, which are not an eligible ECRG expense, invoices for regulatory oversight should always be paid as soon as possible. To facilitate timely payments, the Office of Brownfields has lowered the dollar threshold for reimbursement request for invoices for regulatory oversight to \$5,000. You may submit reimbursement requests for your regulatory oversight invoices now once you reach \$5,000 rather than the \$15,000 which is still required for all other reimbursement requests. If there is a need for a reimbursement request that is less than \$15,000, this can now be discussed with your DTSC Portfolio Manager. We hope that you find this new protocol useful.

Round 1 Amendment - ~\$80,000 Still Available

Our thanks to all the ECRGrantees who completed their Round 1 Amendment applications on time. We are still reviewing the amendment requests and as of the time of this ECRGoodMorning, have approximately \$80,000 still available for any ECRGrantees who are eligible and interested in some additional funding. Once the amendment funds have been exhausted, we will continue to consider requests for time only extensions through September 30, 2024 or 60 days prior to your grant end date, whichever is earlier.

Round 1 Amendment – Second Requests

We are grateful to have a cohort of Round 1 ECRGrantees who very eloquently share their recommendations on how ECRG can be improved to better fit their needs. Responding to these requests, we are opening the Round 1 Amendments for a second request for ECRGrantees with multiple grants as follows:

1. All criteria in the Round 1 Amendment ECRGuidelines are met. Changes to the Minimum Spend Requirement Table are as follows:
 - a. The requested grant must meet or exceed the minimum 10% spend by the Time Extension request submittal date (reimbursements approved for payment)

- b. Only Time Extension requests are permitted, no Budget Amendment requests are permitted
- c. Time Extensions can only be for 6 months
- d. Only a Second Amendment Request is permitted at this time
- e. Only one Amendment Request per ECRG Agreement permitted

Minimum Percent Spend by Request Submittal Date <i>(reimbursements approved for payment)</i>	Time Extension Only	Budget Amendment Only	Time Extension & Budget Amendment
Investigation and Cleanup Grants			
0% - 24.9%	6 months	N/A	N/A
25.0% - 29.9%	6 or 12 months	\$20k-\$200k (incl. automatic 6-month extn)	6 or 12 months + \$20k-\$200k
30.0% - 49.9%	6, 12, or 18 months	\$20k-\$200k (incl. automatic 6-month extn)	6, 12, or 18 months + \$20k-\$200k
50.0% and up	6, 12, or 18 months	\$20k-Maximum Grant Amount (incl. automatic 6-month extn)	6, 12, or 18 months + \$20k-Max Grant Amount
Community Wide Assessments			
25.0% and up	6 months	\$5k-Maximum Grant Amount (incl. automatic 6-month extn)	6 months + \$5k-Maximum Grant Amount
2nd Amendment for ECRGrantees with Multiple Round 1 Grants			
10.0% and up	6 months	N/A	N/A

Thank you all for the work that you are doing to uplift your communities and make them safer. As always, the Office of Brownfields is here to help in any way we can.

On behalf of the Office of Brownfields,

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