



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Updated Grant Program Policy No. HSGP-1

TO: Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Recipients
THROUGH: Brenda Bergeron, Deputy Commissioner DESPP/DEMHS *Brenda Bergeron*
FROM: DEMHS Strategic Planning, Community Preparedness, and Grants Unit
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SUBJECT: Equipment Maintenance and Sustainment within Homeland Security Grant Program

The purpose of this updated Grant Policy is to provide Connecticut Homeland Security Grant Program sub-recipients with a grant policy update related to equipment purchases, maintenance, and sustainment within the State Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) of equipment that is older than ten years from the original purchase date.

Background

The State Homeland Security Grant Program assists state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. The HSGP allows for the purchase, maintenance, and sustainment of equipment to meet the National Preparedness Goal. The 21 allowable prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery equipment categories for HSGP are listed on the [Authorized Equipment List \(AEL\)](#). Some equipment items require prior approval from FEMA before obligation or purchase of the items.

Summary of Changes to 10-Year Equipment Policy

The following changes have been made to a historical DEMHS 10-Year Equipment Maintenance Policy following the 2022 Federal Preparedness Grants Manual (and future iterations of referenced manual), the Code of Federal Regulations, Connecticut State Homeland Security Strategy (as amended), and Homeland Security Grant Program guidance:

- HSGP Sub-recipients may utilize grant funds for the maintenance and sustainment of equipment that is older than ten years from the date of original purchase;
 - *Sub-recipients should consider a cost/benefit analysis when seeking maintenance and sustainment of regional equipment prior to allocating funds;*
- Eligible costs may also be in support of equipment and critical resources that have previously been purchased with either federal grant or any other source of funding other than FEMA preparedness grant program dollars as long as maintenance and sustainment costs:
 - Are in direct support of existing capabilities
 - Are an otherwise allowable expenditure under the applicable grant program;
 - Are tied to one of the core capabilities in the five mission areas contained within the Goal, and,
 - Are shareable through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) or Connecticut's intrastate mutual aid system.



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Equipment policies that remain unchanged at the issuance of this updated policy, include but are not limited to:

- Equipment Custodial Inventory Form Compliance
- Equipment and Property Inventory Reporting of equipment over \$5,000
- Eligibility of equipment purchases should be confirmed by DEMHS Program Staff prior to procurement.
- Expenses/projects must meet all HSGP requirements and follow existing procedures including budgeting, procurement, reporting, and tracking of regional equipment.

Questions regarding this Policy may be directed to DEMHS Homeland Security Grant Program staff at demhs.hsgp@ct.gov