

Questions for CPSC

- Kelly Ransdell: can salary of staff and travel be used as cost share? or would you need to have cost match for applied for amount if awarded. Can CPSC advise on CASH MATCH OR in Kind to show 25% cost share?
 - Related question: Courtney Thompson: I was wondering the same thing about the cost share- can our match be the cost of overtime for our firefighters and staff doing the installations and education?
 - **CPSC: You can read about cost sharing at 2CFR 200.306. Cost matching is 50/50, so this is by definition a cost share.**
- Neal Zipser on behalf of a fire department: Would it be better if the fire departments sent their request to the state and have the state send one request for the entire state or should individual fire departments have better luck if they sent it in for themselves?
 - **Michaela Campbell: That will be up to the discretion of whoever is applying. We would like to show the full scope of need and demand. This is only the first year that this grant has existed to be offered, so don't be shy about applying, and whatever that looks like for you most comfortably within the workings of your state.**
 - **Chief Gary West: I would just say to encourage your state fire marshal to participate with you or at least support you- get them involved. This is a great opportunity for states and locals to work together, so engage with them and ask them to participate. If you need them to help you, then this gives you the ability to do that, to do maybe a bigger grant than originally thought.**
 - **CPSC: I really don't think that's going to make a big difference. It's not necessarily that a big project's going to be more likely to be funded than a small project. We look at them on a case-by-case basis and if it meets the eligibility requirements and it provides all the information we need to make a decision, it's most likely going to get approved. As long as you meet the eligibility requirements, you're entitled to this money to help people avoid pain, suffering, injury, and death. I want to encourage people to apply, to not be afraid of federal government grant-making, and to just read the instructions, carefully follow them, and you'll be okay.**
- Corey Johnson: Can an organization request less than \$50,000?
 - Related question - James Brown: the 12,500 cost share on the 50,000 might be a little steep for some local FDs. can you apply for a lower amount?
 - **CPSC: No**
 - **Michaela Campbell: This is an incredible opportunity for partnerships if there are concerns about the cost share**
- Albert Donnay: Can budgets be for 100% education or 100% training of public, first responders, or clinicians?

- Related Question: Anna Reilly: FOA says: "There are three allowable activities under the COPPGP. They are purchase and installation, training, and public outreach and education. Applicants may select any one activity, all three or any combination of two activities." I heard someone say that installation had to be part of proposal, and we couldn't propose just education or training. Which is correct?
- Related Question: Anonymous: can we budget for 100% purchase and install with no education or training components beyond info provided with each unit from the alarm mfr
- **CPSC: My understanding is that the main thrust of this law is to try and get people actual devices, so 25% was for public education, and if you exceed 25%, it's not likely that it's going to be approved.**
- Unknown: Can a community-based fire safety education business apply for the grant?
 - **CPSC: It does need to be a state or political subdivision, but that doesn't mean the state or political subdivision couldn't have some kind of relationship with an outside organization. The applications are governmental.**
- Tamica barnett: Is this a reimbursement grant?
- James Brown: Can you explain the cost buy in - 25%?
 - Related Question: Leigh Kish: Did you say there was a 25% match required?
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- Kevin Weichert: Would grant cover CO detectors that are tied to building fire alarm / mass notification system, inlue of 120vac detector?
- Ashley Rodrigue: Is my state still eligible if there is a law specific to CO alarm presence but that law doesn't mention NFPA 72 specifically?
 - Reworded: At the beginning of the webinar, it was mentioned that the qualifications include the state having legislation requiring CO alarms in homes following NFPA 72. My question is if a state has legislation requiring CO alarms in homes but the legislation makes no mention of NFPA 72, does that make the state ineligible?
 - Related Question: Anonymous: If our state does have a statute that CO alarms are required in new residences, are those the only residences eligible to receive the CO alarms from grant money? Or can we install in others since the intent is that the state knows CO alarms save lives?
- Allison Carter: Can a non-profit that falls under Cobb Fire Dept be able to apply. We focus on fire safety and other safety topics? Or does it need to be the fire department?

- Oscar mendez: If the grant is awarded, are we only required to order the CO Alarms via Rely?
 - **CPSC: No - the requirement is *compliant* alarms**
- Dona Huang: I have not read the NOFA, so don't know if it contains how grant application will be judged and rating assigned to each major components?
- Eric Halter: Is there documents records attached to this program. Does the agency have to send in how many alarms where installed and do we have to track if a alarm was activated and saved a family.
 - **CPSC: all grants require reporting (PPRs - performance progress reporting) - this would be a metric. We would be interested in these metrics to gauge the success of the grant program. Progress reporting is indicated in the FOA.**
- Eric Halter: Also is there requirements on what houses get the alarms, do they have to be on state help or disability?
 - **CPSC: It's open to residences in America, it's not a certain type of residence. There is a favorable consideration factor laid out in the FOA to do with low-income housing, elderly, etc.**
- William Bowser: Can this grant be used to have co alarms bought so they can be on trucks to give out as we go to homes that we find that don't have them
- Willie Saulsberry: Do you offer a combination smoke /CO detector in this grant or is the grant CO only?
 - Related Question: Monica Colby: Can we purchase combination smoke and CO alarms?
 - Related Comment: Stephanie Egan-Engels: If the CO alarms are a combination alarm and include a ionization smoke detector, I would recommend including information about proper disposal in the State that the grant is issued in as these contain a small amount of radioactive material and end of life for devices should also be considered. Thanks!
- Dona huang: is there a spreadsheet template to use for cost itemization/ budgeting and demonstrating cost sharing?
 - **CPSC: there's a general template in the FOA. It's not ironclad, but there are different requirements for different portions of the grant. Cost share and spending should be indicated in the budget with the grant submission. Cost share should match the requirements in 2CFR 200.306**

Questions for Tim

- Taryn Thurston: Is this alarm feature for Knox available in Spanish?

- Related Question: Gioanna Grieco: Can the CO alarm shown be set for both english and spanish for multigenerational homes??
- **Tim Corbett: There is no dual-language option on the unit currently, but we are working on incorporating that in future variations. We are looking at additional languages for future units. For the current unit, it is either English or Spanish.**
- Dona Huang: replace or new batteries? ow long is the unit shelf-life??
- Cory Holmes: What is typical lifespan of unit? Just to confirm, that is the price for a 3-pack?
 - **Tim Corbett: There's ballpark pricing for fire departments from the past. If you want to reach out, we can work on the pricing- we'd be willing to work on a more attractive price on those alarms. The price in the slide deck is for an individual unit.**
- Anonymous: Please ask Rely at what ppm level does CO alarm give low level alert, and after how long?
- Anonymous: Do the installation instructions for the Knox units reference NFPA code/standards?
- Does Knox have something for those who are hard of hearing/deaf?
- Ian Tewksbury: This may sound odd but can you tell us why the Knox CO alarm has a "VENT" mode?
- Monica Colby: Can we purchase combination smoke and CO alarms?
 - **Tim Corbett: Not currently from us.**
- Jeremy Berger: You are talking about the need to address diverse needs. What does knox safety provide for hearing impaired CO alarms?
- Shari Stopler: Does the Knox CO alarm show a digital display at zero? Is it 10-years from start up? Is the Knox CO only available directly through the vendor.
- Anonymous: What is the cost per unit on the Knox Safety by Rely CO alarms?
- Anonymous: IF Rely CO alarms are ok with a low level early warning alert at 38ppm, can we apply to install CO alarms that have even lower early warning limits before reaching UL alarm limits?
- Anonymous: Tim's comment that Rely alarm only starts to display low levels at 38ppm suggests the Rely alarm does not comply with UL2034 which requires continuous

display from 30ppm (if there is a display). Can he clarify that displays below 38ppm on Rely alarms?

- Albert Donnay: Did Rely redesign these CO alarms after buying Knox, or are they exactly the same specs as before?
- Dona Huang: we have a lot of clients who smoked havily indoor, and some have shut off their CO (taking the batteries out) when it beeped. Low CO exposure from smoking can still have a health effects. Is the Rely CO sensitive enough to pick up significant cigarette smoke?
- Shari Stopler: Just to confirm, that is the price for a 3-pack?

Other

- Tamica barnett: Can I have a copy of the powerpoint to share with the Chief?
- Nicole Beosek: What was the name of the training that was mentioned to learn more about CO? It was mentione project...?
- Shari Stopler: Are there outreach materials available in, Spanish, French / Creole and Yiddish languages?
- Anonymous: Will NCOAA parter with proposals that do NOT budget for CO alarms with displays and voice alerts, or is that a requirement for partnership?

Comments

- Gilberto Meza-Corral: Hello there, I am working in a project to provide bed shaker alarms for 104 families in my county. These families have at least one 22 years old individual that are deaf or hard of hearing. We will assess their needs for smoke alarms and CO detectors as well. I think that this grant will help us termendously.
- Bruce Bouch: Another suggestion would be for the State Firemens Associations in each State to work in a collaboartive effort with the individual fire departments..

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