

NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant FAQs

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Notification

Q: Will I receive an email if I get awarded?

A: No. All award communication is sent via U.S. mail.

Q: How do I know if my school received an award?

A: Award Recipients are posted on the Squaremeals.org website. Review the list of awardees.

Q: My school is on the recipient list, but I didn't receive an award letter?

A: Send an email to PO.BOps@texasagriculture.gov to have the letter sent to the correct address or correct personnel.

Purchasing

Q: Do I have to buy all this equipment immediately?

A: No. You should be prepared to have all funds spent by August 31, 2022 .

Q: I purchased the awarded equipment before I received the award letter, can I still be reimbursed?

A: No. Items purchased prior to the TDA award date are not eligible for reimbursement. The award date is 10/7/2020. Purchases before this date will not be reimbursed.

Q: I am buying equipment on sale and can buy 2 units for the price of 1. Will you reimburse up to the award amount?

A: No. Awards are given per unit. If you buy 2, we will only reimburse for the 1 unit awarded (50% of the cost you incurred for 2)

Q: What if my school needs a different piece of equipment, can I switch out the awarded equipment?

A: No. The equipment award is by specific unit. Switching equipment is not allowed.

Q: Can I install the awarded equipment at a different site from what is listed?

A: No. The equipment award is by specific site. Switching sites is not allowed.

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Purchasing Contd.

Q: Are there purchasing guidelines for this award?

A: You must follow all federal procurement rules found in CFR Part 200. As well as applicable State and local rules.

Q: I received an email from an equipment vendor, is this a TDA vendor?

A: No. Awards are public information and vendors have access to this information. Your contact information was not publicized, and we do not share it with any vendor.

Q: Is there a particular vendor I must use?

A: No. You may choose the vendor. You are required to follow Federal, State, and local procurement rules.

Unutilized Funds

Q: What happens if I don't use the entire award amount?

A: The remaining funds will be reallocated to additional schools eligible for the award based on the scoring criteria.

Q: Can I buy another piece of equipment if I have funds left over?

A: No. You are not allowed to buy additional equipment.

Q: I received an award, but my school no longer needs the equipment. What do I do?

A: Notify TDA by sending an email to PO.BOps@texasagriculture.gov. The award amount will be reallocated to additional schools eligible for the award based on the scoring criteria.

