

NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant FAQs

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Notification

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

A: Yes. Award communication will be sent via both email and 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 NSLPEquipmentgrants@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 equipment installed and all funds spent by August 31, 2023.

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. 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. Though not required, SFAs awarded funds are encouraged to purchase equipment made domestically.

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 NSLPEquipmentgrants@texasagriculture.gov. The award amount will be reallocated to additional schools eligible for the award based on the scoring criteria.

