

# Q & A

**In regard to the equipment category, which specific section should we reference to determine what equipment items are eligible under this grant?**

- Use the AEL List at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list>
- When you look for the equipment item make sure it lists FEMA Related Grant Programs: Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)

**As a 501(c)3 can I apply as a CERT Team?**

All CERT teams must go through your Sponsoring Agency to apply. As a reminder you will need a Letter of Support or acknowledgment from corresponding County Emergency Management Office (except in the case where the applicant is the County Emergency Management Office).

Please note that 501(c)3 non-profit organizations are not directly eligible; however, local jurisdictions may subcontract with 501(c)3 organizations to perform these functions for the sponsoring agency.



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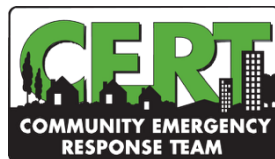
## **Can you please share what other counties or municipalities are using a Citizen Corps grant for?**

The National Citizen Corps program operates as a broad umbrella initiative under FEMA. For full program details and guidance, please refer to the Citizen Corps information available on FEMA's website. Common Citizen Corps grants have included Fire Corps, Medical Reserve Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and America's PrepareAthon. There is a full detail of allowances in the CERT/CC Grant NOFO on [volunteerflorida.org](http://volunteerflorida.org).

## **Current Grantees will have a one quarter overlap of grant from 2025-2026 grant if awarded the 2026-2027 grant. What documentation will be required differently?**

Current grantees will have an overlap during Q4 (July–August) with the new grant cycle. When documenting any remaining invoices or volunteer hours/cost match, these must be kept completely separate. No volunteer hours, activities, or outreach may be duplicated across the 2 grant years.

We understand that the first quarter of the new grant may move slowly and spenddowns may also be delayed. You will need to report this to on your programmatic and PER grants.



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**If I have a different grant with Volunteer Florida will there be a issue with the overlap of those grants?**

Grantees cannot use the same volunteer hours or cost match for multiple grants. Each grant must have its own distinct match. No duplication is allowed.

**The FEMA AEL Equipment list for CERT/Citizen Corps, Can I use that AEL code?**

When searching for the budgeted grant items in your proposed budget, look specifically for the exact item listed. If you have an item that is CERT or Citizen Corps specific, those items qualify to use the AEL code under Citizen Corps rather than being treated as general, non-listed items. Example would be a CERT Logo Backpack or CERT/CC kits that includes the helmet, goggles, flashlight, backpack, CERT/CC Vest. Those would qualify on the AEL list as a Citizen Corps item.

