Election Security Subgrant Webinar Q&A

1. **Can cyber insurance be covered by the subgrant?**

   We will verify the federal guidelines on cyber insurance.

2. **We use an online OS Microsoft 365 through an IT company at a monthly charge. Is that cost also covered?**

   Yes, if your baseline requirements are met.

3. **We purchased security carts for transporting election supplies/materials recently, can we complete a MOU for a purchase that was already made?**

   Yes, if it was purchased during the grant period.

4. **A good Windows computer could be $800**

   Yes, "additional election security expenses" could be applied towards the amount over $600.

5. **So, if we need a new computer that costs $1200 and we already have IT support, we'd ask for $600 in baseline hardware and another $600 in additional election security expenses (to put towards the new computer)?**

   Yes.

6. **Can I use $800 for Computer and $400 for security**

   Yes.

7. **What if you request $600 for IT and only use $500, can you use the remaining in another area or do you forfeit that?**

   Yes, you may apply the leftover funds to other security needs.

8. **How firm are the program dates for coverage? I purchased a new computer on June 19.**

   The dates are firm. The start of the project period was July 22, 2022.

9. **Do we get a letter from IT provider?**

   It is not required for the subgrant. However, you must provide itemized receipts for all

   expended subgrant funds with your compliance form and contingency plan, due February 28,

   2023.

10. **Does the IT support have to be new support?   If we already have support agreement,**

    can we claim for additional hours?

    No, it does not have to be new support.

11. **Will there be any security training put on by WEC during the program dates?**

    Possibly, although this is not a requirement for the subgrant this time.

12. **Would a wireless modem for our ICE machine qualify as hardware? We need a new**

    one.

    Unfortunately, no.

13. **Can I use it for getting a new voting machine?**

    No, voting equipment is not an authorized expense.

14. **Security cameras and equipment are part of Additional Election Security Expenses?**

    Yes, if baseline requirements are met.

15. **Is this $1,200 in addition?**

    Yes. You may receive the full $1,200 even if you previously received funds through the

    2019/2020 Election Security Subgrant or the .gov Election Security Subgrant.

16. **We put in a service window for in-person absentee voting, EDRs, etc. Would this be**

    covered?

    Possibly, if you can claim/justify that the window was used for election security purposes.

17. The city has 33 employees that are enrolled in Cyber Training and there is a monthly fee for this training. Can I claim the entire expense of the 33 employees for cyber training and if so, do I claim the months of July 2022 thru February 2023?

Yes, if baseline requirements are met.

18. Is the .gov grant still open? Is it through WEC and if so, do you have a link?

The .gov subgrant will reopen soon. An announcement will be published.

19. Is there a way to get a copy of these slides?

Slides are available on the website: https://elections.wi.gov/event/subgrant-webinar-clerks

20. I already received funds for the .gov domain. Can I apply here for the same expense I already received funds for?

You cannot be reimbursed for the same expense twice. You can apply the funds to other security needs.

21. What other examples besides a locked storage cabinet could we use the funds for?

New hardware, software, or any security measures such as padlocks, alarms, cameras, etc.

22. Can you use the .gov grant plus this grant to cover the costs of switching to .gov?

Yes, so long as they are costs not previously reimbursed.

23. Is this recorded at all - I am a one-person office and have had so many interruptions I was unable to fully listen. Would like to relisten to this at home where there are no interruptions.

Yes, the recording of this webinar is available here: https://vimeo.com/754863789

24. What number do we call if we have questions?

Please call our Help Desk at 608-261-2028

25. Use funds for software...example Office 365.

Yes, good suggestion!

26. We have a rusty old door to the back of the building that is in the election room.

When someone exits via that door, the rusty frame and door don't always close.

Could I use these funds for physical safety?

Yes, if baseline requirements are met and the fix is directly related to election security.