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CBRNE VEHICLE, WATERCRAFT, and AIRCRAFT POLICY

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This policy goes into effect as dated above and replaces/supersedes all other Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Project Management Office (PMO) CBRNE Vehicle, Watercraft and Aircraft Procurement Guidance and/or Policies.

This policy only applies to subrecipients receiving grant funds managed by Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Emergency Management Grants Unit (EM Grants Unit).

Definitions

For this policy the following terms are defined below:

- **CBRNE** – Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives. These types of weapons have the ability to create both mass casualties as well as mass disruption of society
- **AEL** – Authorized Equipment List. This is FEMA's official list of equipment. This website provides details on allowable equipment, allowable uses of equipment and what FEMA funding sources equipment is allowable under. FEMA's AEL Website: <https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list>

Description and Conditions

CBRNE Vehicles - FEMA AEL # 12VE-00-MISS:

Specialized vehicles and vehicle conversion kits designed to support specific mission area requirements. Examples include patrol and deployment vehicles, tactical intervention vehicles, hazmat units, communications units, bomb response units, mobile morgue units and special transport units such as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), 2-wheeled personal transports for fully suited bomb technicians, and robot trailers designed to accommodate special mission equipment and accessories.

Allowable special-purpose vehicles for the transport of CBRNE terrorism response equipment and personnel to the incident site. Vehicles to support EMC Operations must be purchased for and used by FBI accredited bomb squads that meet all FBI EMC accreditation.

CBRNE Watercraft - FEMA AEL # 17WC-00-BOAT:

Surface boats or vessels with appropriate specialized equipment, designed to perform prevention and response missions within port areas, waterways, dams, reservoirs, rivers, lakes.

Allowable uses for CBRNE terrorism prevention and response watercraft include protection of ports, critical waterways, dams, reservoirs, rivers and large lakes. To be eligible, these waterways must be identified as critical asset to the state through a vulnerability assessment. Allowable costs for this watercraft category include the

purchase of surface boats and vessels, as well as customary and specialized navigational, communications, safety, and operational equipment necessary to enable such watercraft to support the homeland security mission.

CBRNE Aircraft - FEMA AEL # 18AC-00-ACFT

Special-purpose aircraft and rotorcraft for CBRNE terrorism prevention, response, mitigation and/or remediation. Includes all classes of aircraft and rotorcraft, such as single and multiengine airplanes and helicopters, as well as gyroplanes and Light Sport Aircraft (LSA). Used for reconnaissance, command and control, or search operations. This item includes manned aircraft only.

Allows for the purchase of special-purpose aviation equipment where: (a) such equipment will be utilized primarily for homeland security objectives and permissible program activities; and (b) the costs for operation and maintain of such equipment will be paid from non-grant funds. Allowable costs include the purchase of customary and specialized navigational, communications, safety, and operational equipment necessary for CBRNE prevention, response and/or recovery.

All subrecipients that receive grant funds from the EM Grants Unit are required to submit a letter of request that include the following:

- Justification for the vehicle, watercraft or aircraft to be categorized as "CBRNE Incident Response Vehicle, Watercraft or Aircraft in alignment with the related requirements on the DHS/FEMA Authorized Equipment List.
- A brief explanation as to how the vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft supports the most recent State Homeland Security Strategy and fits into the mission of the Federal Department of Homeland Security including its National Response Framework as well as the subrecipient's overall preparedness and response plan.
- Confirmation that associated registration, title, and insurance expenses will be the responsibility of the subrecipient.
- Assurance that the purpose of the vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft is for regional benefit rather than for a single jurisdiction. All CBRNE vehicles, watercraft and aircraft must be sharable between both jurisdictions and disciplines and made available to any regional response agency if needed.
- Assurance that the vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft is not for personal use. The vehicle, watercraft, air aircraft should be part of a "pool" and not assigned to a single individual.


Licensing, registration fees, insurance and all ongoing operational expenses are the responsibility of the grantee or local units of government and are not allowable under these grant programs. Prior to obligating funds in this equipment category for missions other than port security, subrecipients must obtain a written waiver from FEMA by providing a detailed justification for the request to MEMA.

MEMA is not responsible for expenses that occurred prior to approval. Subrecipients will not be reimbursed for expenses that were not submitted in accordance with this policy or for expenses that were not pre-approved and/or exceed the approval amount.

This policy will go into effect as of the date signed below and applies only to grants managed by MEMA's Emergency Management Grants Unit Programs.



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Date