

Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q-What is LEPP?

A- The Limited Excess Property Program is a unique program that utilizes an innovative and cost-effective strategy to transfer millions of dollars' worth of United States Government (USG) surplus property to Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) and USAID Missions for their development and humanitarian projects abroad. Federal surplus property is made available through the General Services Administration (GSA) and Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services' excess property programs.

Q- Who is eligible to apply to LEPP?

A- LEPP is open to both U.S. and International nonprofit organizations that meet the conditions of registering as a Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) with USAID. If your organization is selected to participate in the program, all selected participants will be subject to vetting requirements which will include verifying nonprofit status, reviewing Board of Directors membership and charter, and reviewing financial statements, to name a few.

Q- When is the next call for applications to participate In LEPP?

A-The next solicitation for applications is slated for 2023.

Q- Is the database for federal surplus property maintained by the GSA and DLA?

A- By participating in LEPP, your organization will be provided with access to the USG's surplus property through the GSA and the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) Disposition Services' excess property programs. By using GSAXcess (a totally web enabled customer interface to the Federal Disposal System), you will be able to select property for transfer by requesting specific items.

Q- Can I look through the list of federal surplus property available for transfer before applying to LEPP?

A- For more information on the types of property, please refer to the condensed categories of equipment listed on the LEPP website below:

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1865/GSA%20FSC%20CODES.pdf>

Please note that most items are accessed through the United States holding agencies. Access will only be granted into GSAXcess once you are accepted into the program and receive at least one signed [607 Determination](#). Given the nature of the program and that we are not able to predict when and what other government agencies will excess, we are unable to provide an exact list of property.

Q- Does property come available overseas?

A - Yes, while most of the federal surplus property made available through the LEPP is in the United States, a limited amount of property is made available overseas. This property is provided through the Defense Logistics Agency's Excess Property Program and is commonly located at various overseas military bases.

Q- Does LEPP assist with the shipping costs of property? Can you please explain at what point the recipient takes responsibility for the property?

A- LEPP does not assist with the cost of transportation, warehousing, customs, or freight forwarding. Each PVO accepted into the program is responsible for all costs associated with the property once it is allocated to the organization. This means that the organization is responsible for picking up or arranging for the pick-up of the property from its initial holding location, either within the US or overseas, and transporting it to its destination overseas.

Q- Does the PVO have to refurbish technical equipment or is the in-country partner responsible for that?

A- PVOs are ultimately responsible for the condition of LEPP equipment, however they can partner with other entities to ensure that the property is refurbished if needed.

Q- Are LEPP items new or have they been used before?

A- Most items available through GSA and DLA have been used; however, there are supplies that are new and in their original packaging. GSA strives to include pictures and a classification of the condition of the goods that are listed in the GSAXcess database.

Q- How do we balance our wish list in relation to the costs of packing, crating, handling, transportation, and other accessorial costs?

A- PVOs are responsible for the operations and costs associated with the management of property received through the program. It is up to each PVO to determine if the property available is worth the cost of refurbishing and transporting it to the end user.

Q – Is there an aggregate dollar limit to the amount of excess goods that can be received in a year?

A – Yes. For first-time participants, there is a ceiling of \$1 million worth of goods that can be received in a year. If this amount is met before the end of the year, a request for a higher amount may be submitted to the LEPP team for consideration. Organizations that have previously participated in the program and have successfully demonstrated use of LEPP property will have an annual allotment of \$5 million. They will also be able to submit a request for a higher amount if they meet this amount.