

Q&A-LEPP Information Session (April 26, 2023)

- 1. *Is there a list of the types of items that are available and where are they located?***
A- For more information on the types of property, please refer to the condensed categories of property listed on the [LEPP website](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/GSA-FSC-CODES.pdf): <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/GSA-FSC-CODES.pdf>
Given the nature of the program, we are unable to predict when and what other government agencies will excess and input into the GSAXcess database. Equipment becomes available in almost every state throughout the U.S.
- 2. *Will the slides be sent out after the meeting?***
A- Yes, the webinar slides and Q&A document will be posted to the [LEPP website](#) by the end of May.
- 3. *When will the updated list of participating countries be posted?***
A- The list of participating counties will be listed on the [LEPP website](#). Those who have completed the registration form during the LEPP information session webinar will receive an email notification once the list is posted to the [LEPP website](#).
- 4. *What are the requirements or processes for a country to be on the list?***
A- Prior to each application, LEPP reaches out to USAID Mission senior staff to promote the program and to get their concurrence to review PVOs' 607 Determinations once the application cycle is complete.
- 5. *Should a PVO apply if their country of interest is not currently on the participation list?***
A- We are in the process of obtaining Mission concurrences. A list of participating countries will be included in the LEPP application. If you do not see your country listed as a participating country it means that they either did not respond, were not contacted, or declined to participate in reviewing 607 Determinations for this application cycle. However, you are welcome to apply to LEPP and we encourage PVOs to select up to five priority countries. Please note that participation in the program is contingent upon the PVO's ability to obtain at least one signed 607 Determination.
- 6. *Below is a list of USAID Mission countries that have agreed to review PVOs' 607 Determinations. Please note this is not the final list:***

 - Albania
 - Antigua & Barbuda
 - Barbados
 - Burundi
 - Dominica
 - Dominican Republic
 - DRC
 - El Salvador
 - Ethiopia
 - Ghana
 - Grenada
 - Guatemala
 - Guyana
 - Haiti
 - Honduras
 - Jamaica
 - Kenya
 - Mongolia
 - Nicaragua
 - Niger
 - Pakistan
 - Paraguay
 - Peru
 - Philippines
 - Rwanda
 - St Kitts & Nevis

St. Lucia
St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Suriname
Tanzania
Timor-Leste
Trinidad & Tobago
Ukraine
Zambia

7. Below is a list of USAID Mission countries that have declined participation:

Afghanistan
Colombia
Uganda
West Bank and Gaza

8. What is considered "sufficient financial capacity"?

A- LEPP's PVO partners' financial needs vary widely as their business models range from large logistics-style operations supporting partners in multiple countries to small, largely volunteer-supported operations focused on one or two limited-scope projects. Consequently, the financial capacity of any partner is related to its unique characteristics, including, but not limited to, scope of activities and operating model, sources and reliability of support, nature of financial obligations, nature and availability of reserves, and ability to adjust operations in the event of resource constraints as well as any plans or facilities available to address liquidity needs. LEPP reviews applicant and partner financial statements to assess whether an organization has the financial wherewithal to sustain its operations and is not facing issues that would threaten its viability as a going concern.

9. A do no harm analysis will be required for each LEPP transfer request?

A- A Do No Harm (DNH) analysis is required in conjunction with all property transfer requests. The analysis must be completed prior to the transfer to identify any foreseeable harm(s) that may be associated with the distribution or deployment of the property. Harm mitigation plans, if needed, must be described in the analysis. Some consolidation is allowed. For example, a single analysis may be completed when two or more Transfer Orders pertain to property with characteristics that are the same or essentially the same (e.g., Federal Supply Category, condition, destination country). LEPP will hold an information webinar on the DNH requirement following participant selection.

10. Can items be requested for a startup project? For example, a new school overseas or should the project be ongoing?

A- You may request items for a startup project. Please note that the period of accountability for all equipment that is received through LEPP is one year after the item is put in use. During the period of accountability, PVOs are required to maintain the property and provide updates on the items if requested.

11. Uncommon Arts is a faith-based creative arts NGO that uses the arts for community transformation and to positively transform lives and the company is based in Jamaica. Is it recommended that Caribbean-based NGOs have 501(C)(3) status to be part of this program?

A- The U.S. Internal Revenue Service grants 501(C)(3) tax-exempt status to eligible organizations that are incorporated and headquartered in the United States. A non-U.S. organization would not be eligible for 501(C)(3) status. For LEPP Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) self-certification purposes, an organization established in a country other than the United States should be nonprofit and tax exempt under the laws of its country of domicile and operation.

12. Do you have information on what percent of applications typically are approved?

A- In 2020, LEPP successfully completed a competitive application cycle where 50 percent of applicants were accepted into the program.

13. Must a PVO country have an active USAID Mission office in the country or would the presence of the U.S. Embassy be sufficient or is neither required?

A- All countries of interest must have a USAID program or office. For a list of USAID partner countries, please navigate to the "Where We Work" section of [usaid.gov](https://www.usaid.gov).

14. When is the RFA likely to be posted? How do we ensure we receive the announcement?

A- The application will be posted on the [LEPP website](#). Please check the website periodically. Those who have completed the registration form during the LEPP information session webinar will receive an email notification once the application is posted.

15. The registration form asks to list up to five USAID Countries that we are interested in. Do we have to be registered in those countries and be tax exempt?

A- To apply for LEPP, your organization must self-certify as either a U.S. or a non-U.S. Private Voluntary Organization (PVO). A U.S. PVO must be organized under the laws of the United States and have 501(C)(3) tax-exempt status with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. A non-U.S. PVO must be tax exempt in the country where it is established and domiciled (i.e., headquartered). PVOs and their partners that receive federal surplus property must adhere to the laws and regulations of the country where the property is deployed or distributed.

16. What are your main locations or areas where LEPP is available?

A- The majority of federal surplus property is made available through the General Services Administration (GSA), which has holding locations throughout the United States. A limited amount of property is made available overseas. This property is provided through the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) Excess Property Program and is commonly located at overseas military bases.

17. Would providing medical equipment and supplies that are used by the Ukrainian military be considered unacceptable under the "Do no harm" requirements?

A- Yes, it is unacceptable. LEPP does not allow PVOs to provide federal surplus property to law enforcement or military organizations.

18. Can the PVO transport the supplies or must the supplies be shipped?

A- In most instances, PVOs ship supplies overseas, however there have been some instances where a PVO has hand carried supplies.

19. Do you have partners in Ghana for shipping overseas and how do you get in touch with them?

A- LEPP does not coordinate locating in-country partners for PVOs. The PVO is responsible for having an established presence and partnerships in the country(ies) in which they plan to transfer equipment and supplies.