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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REIMBURSEMENT

Since its inception in 1986, the LGR program has been helping local governments like yours cover the costs of emergency responses. For over a decade, EPA has been working closely with hundreds of local governments to make the LGR program an easy and reliable source of funding. Just ask anyone who has participated in the program. With more than three million dollars awarded by EPA so far, the LGR program has proven to be a valuable financial resource for local governments. So the next time you have a hazardous substance emergency, remember the LGR program. We're here to help.

To Obtain an Application:

Telephone: Call the LGR Helpline at 1-800-431-9209

Email: Submit an email request to lgr.epa@epamail.epa.gov

Internet: Access the LGR website at www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr *(electronic applications available)*

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How Local Governments Can Recover Costs for Emergency Response to Hazardous Substance Releases

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Who Is Covered?

If you are a general purpose unit of local government or Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, you are eligible for reimbursement under EPA's Local Governments Reimbursement program. A general purpose unit of local government includes a town, township, city, municipality, parish, or county. States are not eligible for reimbursement.

What Incidents Are Covered?

Incidents involving releases, or threatened releases, of hazardous substances are covered under the LGR program. Among other things, EPA has reimbursed local governments for releases from transportation accidents, illegally dumped wastes, tire fires, and contamination from illegal drug labs. Incidents involving releases of oil or oil-related products are not covered, unless the oil is mixed with a hazardous substance.

What Costs Are Covered?

EPA can reimburse you up to $25,000 per incident for costs that local governments incur in performing temporary emergency response measures. Only costs incurred as a direct result of the response are allowable. To be reimbursed, you must properly document your costs and certify that you do not have money in your budget for these costs. EPA has reimbursed local governments for:

- $ expendable materials and supplies
- $ renting or leasing equipment
- $ special technical and laboratory services
- $ evacuation services
- $ decontamination of equipment
- $ overtime pay for employees
- $ replacement of equipment lost or destroyed

How Do I Apply?

After an incident, you must complete and submit to EPA a basic, four-page application and provide supporting cost documentation (e.g., receipts, invoices). You should submit an application for reimbursement within one year of completing the emergency response. Before an emergency response, request an application so you may become familiar with the program. Call the toll-free LGR Helpline at 1-800-431-9209 to request an application.

Should I Apply?

If you meet the following criteria, you should consider applying to EPA to recover your costs.

- $ You are a local government (e.g., town, township, city, municipality, parish, county, Federally-recognized Indian tribe).
- $ You responded to a release (or threatened release) of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants to the environment.
- $ You did not have money in your budget for the response.
- $ Your local government is NOT responsible for the release.
- $ You were unable to recover costs from the party responsible for the release, your State government, and your local government insurance.