

September 2020 Bobcat Fire

Bidders Conference May 26, 2021 Questions+Answers

1. Can we pay more for supervisors (non - participants)?

Upon second reading/better understanding of the question, yes a higher rate of pay is allowed for non-participant supervisors. This rate would be incorporated into the administrative costs, approximately 30% of grant funds. Our first interpretation of the question was if you could have more supervisors, the answer given was yes as long as it is within the 30% administrative cost.

2. Is there any possibility to extend participant supervisors/drivers slotted hours?

We have made a request for extended hours (beyond 900 hours) for participant supervisors. We are hopeful for approval from the City/EWDD. At this time though for proposals it is probably best to make calculations for participant supervisors only through 900 hours. We will update all bidders/contractors once we have a confirmed final answer from the City/EWDD.

3. Can we invoice transportation costs as a participant related expense since we transport participants too and from job sites?

Unfortunately, the State/EDD only allows participant wage and participant fringe as allowed for calculation under participant related costs (70%). We will continue to make the request to expand the calculation of participant related costs beyond wages and fringe.

4. Can cooling down participants during extreme heat conditions also be something we would be able to invoice under the 70% participant cost?

We'd like to make a type of CamelBak available for all participants as a supportive service, where MCS purchases these directly. Unfortunately, the State/EDD only allows participant wage and participant fringe as allowed for calculation under participant related costs (70%). We will continue to make the request to expand the calculation of participant related costs beyond wages and fringe. Additionally, if a cooling-break is required during working hours, crews may be paid wages during this rest period.

5. Regarding Scope of Work Requirement #6, Do weekly electronic work-site attendance sheets or crew work logs need signatures if electronic in nature?

These daily or weekly attendance sheets do not have to be signed. These help MCS to administratively confirm and cross-check all participant records.

6. Start-up cost will exceed 30% for the first month. Will this be frowned upon?

Please send us your budgets, they will likely include necessary start-up costs. Hopefully some costs can be saved when contractors fully transition from Woolsey to Bobcat. If MCS Accounting requires changes or modifications, MCS will update or reach out to the bidder.

7. Can Porta Potty and snake chaps be an additional cost?

Yes, these items should be included as needed.necessary. Snake chaps could be included in the uniform costs. Porta Potty's can be allowable monthly rental expenses. MCS will help to determine if there are functioning and publicly available restrooms for each worksite, if not, rental units will likely need to be arranged.