

OEA Q&A

Q. We are both a MEP and an OEA grant recipient. Does that change anything for us in terms of how we apply or what we need to do to reply?

A. No in the context of DMCSF, it does not. The DMCSF program is a competitive grant process and a new proposal must be submitted in order to be considered for designation and award.

Q. Do you think OEA will value manufacturing economic development planning done previously?

A. At the direction of Congress, OEA is applying the language of Section 846 of the 2019 NDAA to the program construct for DMCSF. It is plausible that prior manufacturing economic development planning may strengthen a manufacturing consortium's strategy, management structure and proposed activities. Please consult the draft FFO for specific evaluation criteria. It will be incumbent upon the applicant to indicate how prior planning may strengthen a proposal. Draft FFO (public comment period open until 5PM PDT June 8, 2020): <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=327134>

Q. With COVID 19 there is a clear effort to re-shore the supply chain for medical/PPE for National Pandemic Response. Will other supply chains be re-shored such as weapons and food and other critical life support items? what is the budgeted amount?

A. At this time, OEA is not in the position to quantifiably respond to this question.

Q. Do we know if grant requirements may change based on Covid-19? How should OEA grantees incorporate uncertainty about Covid-19 into grant deliverables? How many awards are anticipated?

A. OEA grantees should contact their project manager to discuss Covid-19 related impacts to their grants.

Q. Patrick mentioned that the DCIP and DCMP programs have not been designated for OEA to execute. I believe that is a total of \$75M. If program approval does not occur in time for the funding to be obligated to the grantees by the end of September what happens to those funds?

A. Since the convening, OEA was given approval to operate both programs. Both DCIP and DMCP have launched. More info for both can be found at the links below:

DCIP - <https://oea.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-pilot-program-dcip>

DMCSF - <https://oea.gov/Defense-Manufacturing-Community-Support-Program>