



Law Enforcement Mutual Aid (LEMA) Assistance Fund

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BACKGROUND



- ***“In May 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom, in collaboration with the California State Sheriff’s Association (CSSA), purposed the creation of the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Assistance Fund (LEMA) to reimburse local law enforcement agencies that responded to disasters and emergencies. Upon approval by the California State legislature, \$25 Million was appropriated on an Annual basis . On July 1, 2022, the LEMA fund took effect, and the CAL OES Law Enforcement Branch was tasked with developing and managing the LEMA Fund. “***

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LEMA ASSISTANCE FUND GOALS



- Provides a fund source to support LEMA requests for all communities, especially under resourced communities.
- Allow for additional resources to be redirected to minimize the cost and impact and expedite the delivery of services.
- Allow all communities in California to utilize the LEMA System appropriately.
- Support funding for prepositioned resources such as the Incident Command Vehicles and DNA Identification Machines.



LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID REQUESTED



- **Mutual Aid System**
 - The mutual aid system is intended to enable aid to agencies/jurisdictions whose resources have been overwhelmed in an emergency.
- County Sheriff's Office will call their Cal OES regional Coordinator to request mutual aid.
- Once the coordinator is aware of the incident, they will deploy.
 - Number of Assistant Chief's (AC's) deployed depends on the size of the incident.



ASSISTANT CHIEFS IN THE FIELD



- AC's coordinate with the LEMA Fund Team to advise mutual aid has been requested.
 - Staff from the LEMA Fund Team will provide support to AC's and answer questions during an incident.
 - It is the goal of the LEMA Fund Team to visit incident sites to answer questions and provide support during an event.
- Once in the field, the AC coordinates with agencies upon arrival.
 - AC's work with Requesting Agency to ensure all 214's are filled out daily.
 - All providing agencies must sign in.
- A Post Event Summary shall be completed after Mutual Aid has ended.

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LEMA POST EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT NAME

LOCATION OF EVENT

REQUESTING AGENCY
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INCIDENT COMMAND POST LOCATION

DATE AND TIME EVENT STARTED

DATE AND TIME LEMA REQUESTED

DATE AND TIME 12-HOUR PERIOD ENDED

DATE AND TIME LEMA CONCLUDED

WHAT DID THE HOST AGENCY SUPPLY LEMA?

NAME OF LEMA AGENCY, DATE(S), AND NUMBER OF SWORN PERSONNEL DEPLOYED

ASSISTANT CHIEF(s):

CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



- 1. LEMA requested to preposition resources, undeclared events or before declarations are known**
- 2. LEMA request is related to a state or federally declared emergency**
- 3. LEMA provided for more than a 12-hour period**
- 4. LEMA requested for a multi-jurisdictional event**
- 5. Major law enforcement action requiring extended or specialized LEMA**
- 6. LEMA for a mass casualty incident or extended mass casualty operation**
- 7. Technology support or specialized resources to support LEMA response (intended for Cal OES LEMA database)**

CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE INCIDENTS



- Fires
 - Storm/Flooding/Earthquake
 - Natural or man-made disasters or emergency response
 - Other extra ordinary events requiring emergency law enforcement mutual aid response may be considered on a case-by-case basis
- ✓ Incidents don't have to be related to a state or federally declared state of emergency



WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Eligible Agencies

Sworn members of CA:

- City Police Departments
- Sheriff's Offices
- Probation
- District Attorney's
- Coroner/Medical Examiners



Non-Eligible Agencies

- State Law Enforcement
- Federal Law Enforcement
- Requesting Agency



ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Responding officer overtime
 - Backfill for responding officers
 - Lodging
 - Per Diem
 - Mileage - to & from the incident
 - Fuel
 - Extraordinary Equipment (Case by Case i.e. ISU vehicles, Rapid DNA, etc.)
- ✓ Overtime, backfill, and fuel will be reimbursed at the actual costs.
 - ✓ Lodging, per diem, and mileage will be reimbursed at the STATE rate.
 - ✓ Providing Agencies can't request reimbursement for expenses provided by the Requesting Agency.





LEMA FUND REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

- Cal OES LEMA Team will contact the Requesting Agency to obtain:
 - 214's
 - MOA/MOU between the Requesting Agency and the Providing Agency
- LEMA Team will contact Providing Agencies to request supporting documents
 - Providing Agencies will be able to submit all documents online through the LEMA Fund Online Portal (<https://engage.caloes.ca.gov>)
- LEMA Team will process reimbursement request from the Providing Agencies
- Reimbursement request packets will include two invoices as follows:
 - A LEMA Fund Invoice
 - Providing Agencies will be able to access their LEMA Fund online account to track the progress of their reimbursement.
 - An Invoice for the Requesting Agency with other eligible expenses outside of the LEMA Fund
- Cal OES Recovery will work with the Requesting Agency to process all eligible expenses outside of the LEMA Fund.

TIMELINE



Eligible
Incident Occurs

Providing
Agency submits
reimbursement
request and
supporting
documentation.

LEMA Team will
review and
approve
reimbursement
invoice and
authorization
payment.



LEMA Team
contacts
Requesting &
Providing
Agencies within
30 days after
conclusion of
Incident.

LEMA Team will
process request
in order of
Incident.

Reimbursement
shall be
received within
45 days of
approved LEMA
invoice.

BENEFITS OF THE LEMA FUND



- 100% Reimbursement to the Providing Agency of eligible expenses
- Quick reimbursement to the Providing Agency
 - Once the Cal OES LEMA Team receives complete paperwork from the Providing Agency, they can expect reimbursement within 6-8 weeks.
- Substantial financial burden relief to the Requesting Agency (see example)
- Less work for the Requesting Agency
 - The Cal OES LEMA Team will work with the Providing Agencies to get all documents needed and process reimbursement requests, alleviating workload from the Requesting Agencies.

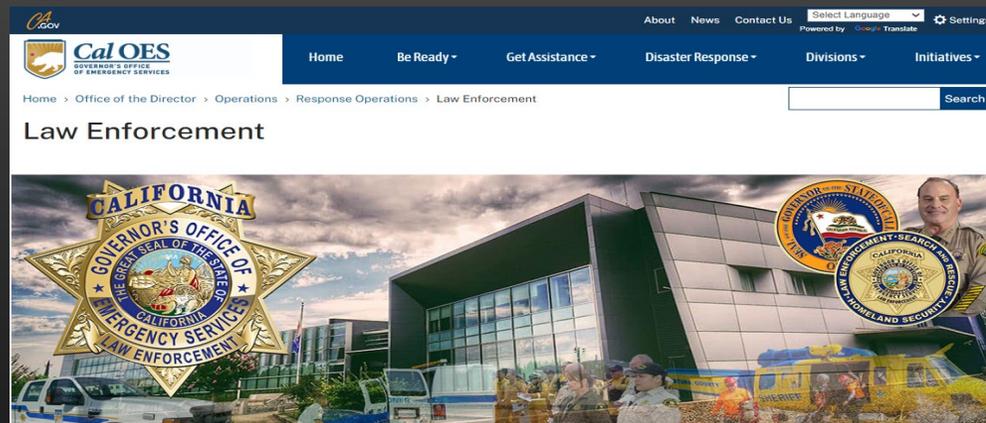
Example →

Providing Agency	Qualifying Incident	
	LEMA Fund Reimbursement Portion	Requesting Agency Reimbursement Portion
Agency 1	\$2,966.80	\$0.00
Agency 2	\$33,452.52	\$1,543.91
Agency 3	\$4,873.20	\$0.00
Agency 4	\$104,800.00	\$2,035.05
Agency 5	\$70,326.68	\$11,949.00
Agency 6	\$92.63	\$386.88
Agency 7	\$5,768.27	\$1,360.03
Agency 8	\$29,153.33	\$166.96
Agency 9	\$5,243.72	\$540.84
Agency 10	\$81,142.37	\$55,959.74
Agency 11	\$10,216.40	\$891.33
Agency 12	\$43,250.26	\$3,968.46
Agency 13	\$786.86	\$656.00
Agency 14	\$2,736.23	\$0.00
Agency 15	\$13,173.76	\$0.00
Agency 16	\$5,586.77	\$0.00
Total	\$413,569.80	\$79,458.20

SUBMITTING DOCUMENTATION THROUGH THE ONLINE PORTAL



- Providing Agencies can register on the Cal OES Online Portal and submit final reimbursement documents and invoices online.
 - <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/response-operations/law-enforcement/law-enforcement-mutual-aid-fund/>
- Agencies will have access to all their invoices and be able to track payment status.



Sign Up
for the Cal OES Community Portal

First Name

Last Name

Title

*Email

*Phone

*Entity Type
Law Enforcement Agency

*Law Enforcement Agency
Search Enforcement Agency

Already have an account? Sign In

LEMA FUND WEBPAGE



- LEMA Fund Information
- Eligible Incidents & Fact Sheets
- Access to the LEMA Fund On-Line Portal
- LEMA Team Contact Information

The screenshot shows the top portion of a website. At the top left is the 'Cal OES' logo with the text 'GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES'. To the right are navigation links: 'Home', 'Be Ready', 'Get Assistance', 'Disaster Response', 'Divisions', and 'Initiatives'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Office of the Director > Operations > Response Operations > Law Enforcement > Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Fund'. A search bar is on the right. The main content area features a large photo of a white emergency vehicle with 'CALIFORNIA' and 'GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' on its side. Below the photo is the heading 'Law Enforcement Mutual Aid (LEMA) Fund' and a short paragraph: 'On July 1, 2009, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid (LEMA) Assistance Fund became available to reimburse law enforcement agencies that respond to disasters and emergencies outside their jurisdictions. The fund is \$25 million annually.' To the right of the text is a smaller photo of a police officer and a soldier standing next to a vehicle.

LEMA FUND REIMBURSEMENTS PAID OUT TO DATE:



LEMA Incidents Paid to date			
FY	Incident	Total	Status
22/23	Electra Fire	\$62,861.07	Complete
22/23	Oak Fire	\$413,569.82	Complete
22/23	McKinney Fire	\$251,887.61	Complete
22/23	Mill Fire	\$195,458.39	Complete
22/23	Mosquito Fire-Placer	\$343,568.73	Complete
22/23	Mosquito Fire-EI Dorado	\$283,099.46	Complete
22/23	Fork Fire	\$6,744.71	Complete
22/23	Early Winter Storms Monterey	\$38,774.05	Actively Reimbursing
22/23	Late Winter Storms Monterey	\$139,939.98	Actively Reimbursing
22/23	Winter Storms Merced	\$22,143.71	Actively Reimbursing
22/23	Winter Storms San Bernardino		Actively Reimbursing
22/23	Winter Storms Mammoth Lakes PD		Actively Reimbursing
22/23	Winter Storms Tulare	\$302,800.49	Complete
23/24	Eric Abril Manhunt	\$40,240.94	Actively Reimbursing
23/24	Smith River Complex Fire	\$6,207.16	Actively Reimbursing
	Grant Total	\$2,107,296.12	

BULLETIN UPDATES TO LOCAL AGENCIES



- The Law Branch will send out Bulletins to State Sheriff's and Cal Chiefs with any updates or new information regarding LEMA Fund.



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FACTS AT A GLANCE

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- > Sheriff's Offices
- > Probation
- > District Attorney's
- > Coroners
- > Medical Examiners

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- > Federal Law Enforcement
- > Requesting Agency

Goals

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- > Provides a fund source to support LEMA requests for all communities, especially under-funded communities.
- > Allows all communities in California to utilize the LEMA System appropriately.
- > Expedites law enforcement response efforts and minimizes impact.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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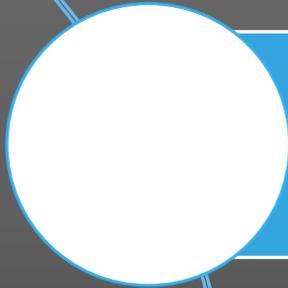
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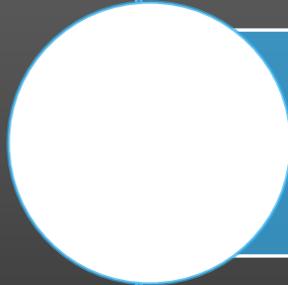
Cal OES's mission is to protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support communities for a resilient California.

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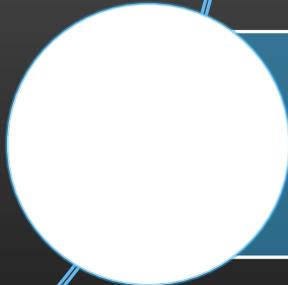
NEXT STEPS



Cal OES LEMA Team will be working with Recovery to attend Applicant Briefings



LEMA Fund Advisory Committee meets quarterly



Training Webinar – How to prepare/submit a reimbursement request. Expected to be held in January 2024

LOOKING AHEAD



Preparing To Make LEMA Fund Permanent in 2024
Some of the things we will be considering:

Enhanced Criteria

- **Additional Agencies Covered**
 - i.e. Tribes
- **Types of Events Covered**
 - Extra Ordinary Search & Rescue (SAR)

Eligible Costs

- **Tactical Dispatchers Covered**
- **Additional Equipment**
 - Safety Equipment
- **Requesting Agency Expenses**
 - Fuel, Food, Lodging



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONT.



What mileage is reimbursable through the LEMA Fund?

- Providing agencies can claim mileage from their agency to the incident site and back.

What supporting documents will need to be submitted with a reimbursement request?

- 214's
- Timecards confirming days/hours worked during the incident
- Payroll documents showing pay rate
 - If incentive or add pay is requested, a breakdown will be required
 - MOU/Pay Policy
- MOA – Mutual aid agreement between requesting and providing agency



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONT.



Is there a Due Date?

- Typically, there is no LEMA deadline, however, if there is a FEMA deadline, we try to assist the Requesting Agency and get all LEMA reimbursements processed prior to the FEMA deadline.

Are Admin. hours reimbursable through LEMA Fund?

- No, admin. hours are not reimbursable through the LEMA Fund.
- However, admin. hours are reimbursable through the Requesting Agency if they are seeking FEMA or CDAA reimbursement.



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