



# Law Enforcement Mutual Aid (LEMA) Assistance Fund

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## Cal OES LEMA



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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 should 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

- Funding is eligible 12 hours after LEMA request
- Prepositioned resources
- Extra Ordinary Event
- Multi-jurisdictional event
- Major law enforcement action requiring extended or specialized LEMA
- Mass fatality incident or extended mass fatality operation

## ELIGIBLE INCIDENTS

- Fires Mutual Aid Support
- Storm/Flooding/Earthquake Mutual Aid Support
- Other major events 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:

- 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
  - 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 Application (<https://engage.caloes.ca.gov>)
- LEMA Team will process reimbursement request from the Providing Agencies
  - All correspondence will take place through the LEMA Fund online portal
- 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.

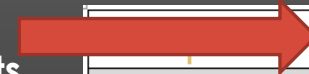
Reimbursement  
should be  
received within  
45 days of  
approved LEMA  
invoice.



# 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.

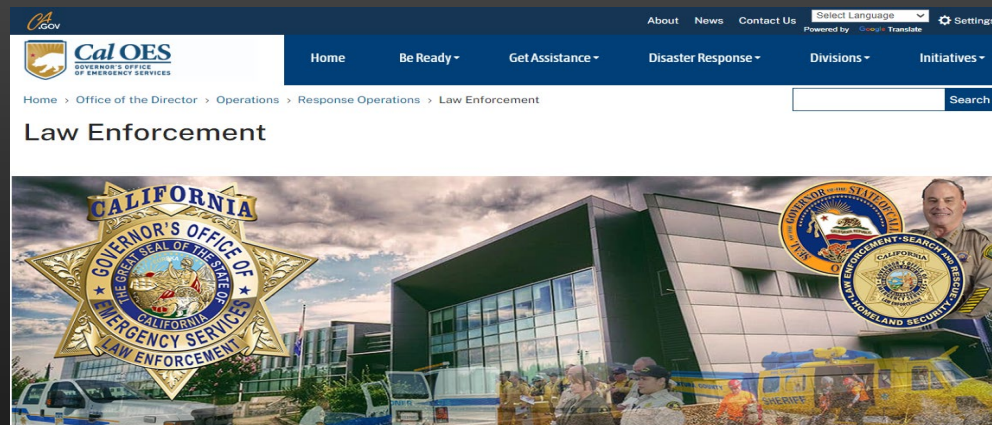
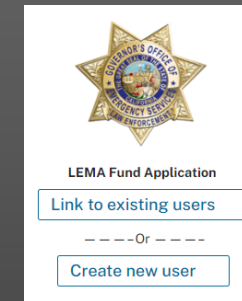


Providing Agency	Qualifying Incident	
	LEMA Fund Reimbursement Portion	Requesting Agency Reimbursement Portion
Agency 1	\$2,966.80	\$0.00
Agency 2	\$33,452.52	\$1,543.91
Agency 3	\$4,873.20	\$0.00
Agency 4	\$104,800.00	\$2,035.05
Agency 5	\$70,326.68	\$11,949.00
Agency 6	\$92.63	\$386.88
Agency 7	\$5,768.27	\$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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$413,569.80</b>	<b>\$79,458.20</b>

# SUBMITTING DOCUMENTATION THROUGH THE LEMA APP



- Providing Agencies can log into the Cal OES Website and submit reimbursement requests 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

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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

Cal OES LEMA Team will be hosting a training for the LEMA Online Portal

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- **When were local agencies notified about LEMA Fund?**
  - The California State Sheriff's Association (CSSA) and California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) were notified of the LEMA Fund in July 2022. Additional presentations for the LEMA Fund were given by former Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci or Law Branch Chief O'Keefe at several of the CSSA and CPCA meeting throughout the year. Status updates are ongoing.
- **Do policies in the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan (Blue Book) conflict with the LEMA Fund reimbursement process?**
  - Policies and processes in the Blue Book should still be followed and are not in conflict with LEMA Fund. During the annual update of the Blue Book, a section regarding the LEMA Fund will be added.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- Does LEMA Fund criteria conflict with FEMA criteria?
  - LEMA Fund is totally different and independent from FEMA. Although LEMA Fund does follow similar guidelines and uses similar paperwork.
- Should Local Agencies ask questions directly through their Assistant Chief's (AC)?
  - Local Agencies can reach out through their AC's or directly to the LEMA Fund Team. The LEMA Fund Team will include the AC's in communication to mitigate confusion and ensure a consistent response is received throughout the region.



# 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.
- If requesting agency does **not** provide fuel; your agency can keep your fuel receipts for reimbursement.

- Who do I turn my documents in to for reimbursement?

- Cal OES LEMA Team is going to be the initial intake of all documents for law enforcement mutual aid.
- On occasion, you may have already turned your documents in to the Requesting Agency and you may need to re-send them to the Cal OES LEMA Team.



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