

LABORATORY HEALTH AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUND

Program Purpose

The Laboratory Health and Safety Equipment Fund (LHSEF) is a limited time opportunity to obtain funding for laboratory supplies or equipment necessary to address immediate health and safety needs or non-compliance conditions. The fund is intended to address urgent health and safety needs for which funding is not currently available or for which funding was not requested in the FY20 budgeting process. Beyond FY20 it is expected that funding for health and safety equipment would be included in the normal departmental budgeting process, course fees, and grant proposals. Up to \$10,000 can be requested in each application.

Eligibility

The Laboratory Health and Safety Equipment Fund is available to University of Utah Principal Investigators, Departments, or Colleges that operate research or teaching laboratories. The fund is intended for essential health and safety equipment, such as flammable material cabinets, specialty refrigerators for storage of flammable or pyrophoric materials, laser safety eyewear, or unique personal protective equipment. The equipment must be necessary to address an immediate health and safety risk or to achieve compliance with University, State, or Federal policies or regulations. The fund is not intended for routine health and safety items, such as gloves and safety glasses, but use for items such as lab coats may be considered if there are no other reasonable procurement options.

Matching Funds

Matching funds are expected for an application to be considered for a LHSEF award, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Matching funds are an indicator of support and demonstrate the importance of the acquisition to those supporting the application. The amount and sources for the matching funds will be important in the evaluation and prioritization of a LHSEF request. Unless there are documented exceptional circumstances, a minimum of 30% in matching funds is requested. A vendor quote should be included with the application, indicating that the applicant has negotiated the best possible pricing.

Starting the Application Process

Applications should be submitted through the Vice President for Research using InfoReady.

The application shall include:

- A description of the health and safety equipment and the need the purchase addresses
- An explanation of why these costs were not previously included in departmental budgets, course fees, or grant proposals
- A letter of support from the appropriate College Dean
- Vendor quote
- Budget and matching funds