

# FAQs



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PUBLIC BENEFIT CONVEYANCE PROGRAM

### Who is eligible to apply for the Public Benefit Conveyance Program?

The following entities are eligible to apply for federal surplus land and facilities: states, U.S. territories, counties, cities, municipalities, townships, parishes, and other local government entities of the 50 states; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Guam; American Samoa; the U.S. Virgin Islands; the Federated States of Micronesia; the Marshall Islands; Palau; and the Northern Mariana Islands.

### How can the federal surplus property be used?

Eligible applicants can use the property or land only for correctional facilities or law enforcement purposes. For use as a corrections facility, the property must be "required for criminal facility purposes or [for] an appropriate program or project approved for the care or rehabilitation of criminal offenders," according to federal law. For law enforcement agencies, the property must be used for "any activity involving the control or reduction of crime and juvenile delinquency or enforcement of the criminal law, including investigative activities such as laboratory functions as well as training."

### Where can I find the application form for proposed correctional facility or law enforcement use?

You can obtain an application from the BJA website: [www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program\\_ID=61](http://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=61)

### Are there any restrictions on the use of property if it is conveyed by the General Services Administration (GSA) or U.S. Department of Defense?

Yes. The conveyed surplus property must always be used and maintained for the purpose described in your application. There is, however, another program by which you can purchase federal surplus property through a negotiated sale and use it without restrictions. Unlike *conveyed* surplus property, *purchased* surplus property is not monitored by the federal government. Please contact GSA for additional information about purchasing federal surplus property.

### How do I apply to use the property for emergency management services?

The Department of Justice (DOJ) reviews applications for correctional and law enforcement use, and the

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reviews applications for fire and/or emergency management uses. Because DOJ and FEMA are separate entities, an application should be filed with each agency. Please contact FEMA for more information about an application and requirements:

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