

Federal and State Surplus Program Eligibility

Services

The Surplus Property Program locates, acquires, and distributes surplus federal and state personal property to state and local government entities and eligible non-profit organizations.

Items normally available include: office furniture, generators, vehicles, boats, power tools, food service equipment, construction materials, clothing, beds, medical equipment, fire fighting equipment, heavy equipment, camping equipment, emergency supplies, etc.

The program acquires property from various Federal Executive Agencies, military installations, state agencies and local governments. Our staff maintains “want lists” of items and will reserve property for you. We’ll even help you make transportation arrangements!

In addition, the Property Distribution Center at [1655 Salem Industrial Dr NE](#) in Salem has a large inventory on hand of items available to eligible parties.

The program keeps the service charges on each item at a minimum to cover operating costs. Surplus is self-funded and does not receive direct support from state or federal taxes.

Property received from the federal program is reportable as a form of federal assistance at 23.4% of the item’s original federal acquisition cost.

Who is eligible?

Federal rules limit eligibility to receive property to all state and local governments and to certain nonprofit organizations. All organizations except political subdivisions must have a letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service that states the organization is nonprofit and tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the IRS tax code.

All organizations eligible under federal requirements are automatically eligible to receive state surplus property. Most nonprofits who can’t meet the federal requirements can still receive state surplus property. For more information, please choose from one of the following areas or contact our Eligibility Coordinator, Karen Haston, at 503-378-6049:

- [state agencies, boards & commissions + local government \(counties, cities, towns, school districts\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [fire departments, emergency services and rescue squads \(pdf\)](#)
- [boys and girl scouts or other service educational activity \(pdf\)](#)
- [public health \(pdf\)](#)
- [educational activity \(pdf\)](#)
- [provider of assistance to the homeless \(pdf\)](#)
- [programs for older individuals \(pdf\)](#)
- [museums \(pdf\)](#)
- [sheltered workshops \(pdf\)](#)
- [day care providers \(pdf\)](#)
- [provider of assistance to the impoverished \(pdf\)](#)
- [small business administration \(SBA\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [change your agencies authorized signers list \(pdf\)](#)