

Minnesota Statewide Equipment Loan Agreement Quick Facts

- There is no membership or other fixed cost to participate in this agreement.
- The agreement is an extension of the Public Works Joint Power Mutual Aid Agreement, so both parties must already be party to the Public Works Joint Power Mutual Aid Agreement before entering into this agreement.
- Equipment loaned under this agreement is limited to items with a replacement value of no greater than \$500,000 (as determined by the equipment owner).
- The only three things that need to be worked out between the Parties are:
 - What equipment is to be loaned;
 - How long it is to be loaned; and
 - How much (if any) the party loaning the equipment will be reimbursed.
- This is a Joint Powers Agreement that allows a sending party to determine which of its equipment to make available to others and a requesting party to select the equipment it desires to borrow.
- Only governmental units as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 471.59 are eligible to participate (cities, counties, towns, others).
- A requesting party may individually request equipment from any other participating party for mutual aid. There is no requirement to make requests through a particular 3rd party.
- This agreement is not limited to requests for assistance to address major catastrophic situations. Instead, parties can request assistance for many reasons including routine circumstances such as training efforts, maintenance operations, and back-up support service.
- The decision when to request assistance or to provide assistance is left entirely to the discretion of the requesting or sending party.
- The sending party has discretion whether to provide equipment and can recall the equipment at any time.
- The requesting (receiving) party is responsible for transporting the equipment, providing trained operators, routine maintenance, liability and equipment insurance, workers compensation, repair/compensate for damages, storing the equipment in a safe and secure place, and returning it to the sending party in the same condition as it was received (normal wear and tear excepted).
- Hennepin County Emergency Management (“HCEM”) has volunteered to serve as the administrative coordinator of the pact. They have the largest EM staff of any County EM Department in the State.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Ray at mark.ray@crystalmn.gov.