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Sent: Mar 27, 2025 12:33:11.000000000 UTC
Subject: Re: Cost Tool question
To: Wu, Deanna <dwu@cityofmelrose.org>

Great, thank YOU so much! We will run it through our QA processes, and I will let Medford know if we have any further questions.

Please let me know how I can help!

Sincerely,
Janice Chen

On Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 4:52 PM Wu, Deanna <dwu@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:
Perfect, thank you! I also wanted to let you know that Medford finished their cost tool.

From: Janice Chen <jchen@bmestrategies.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:02
To: Wu, Deanna <dwu@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Re: Cost Tool question

Hi Deanna,

If an operational cost is used beyond Melrose, it is a regional grant! If the MTCP Tobacco Expenses goes towards purchasing nicotine products for all 7 communities, then please indicate that it's a regional operational expense. Anything that encompasses tobacco compliance (falls within MGL/CMR) should go into Environmental Public Health. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Janice Chen

On Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 9:55 AM Wu, Deanna <dwu@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:
Hi Janice,

I'm likely over thinking this, but could you please help me determine if this expense is considered a regional expense? Part of the expenses on the MTCP grant goes towards purchasing nicotine products as part of the compliance check process. Do you think this would be considered a regional expense? The MTCP grant coordinator (hired by Melrose, works with 7 communities) takes youth and adults on compliance checks and if a sale is made to the youth or adult buyer, then the cost of the product is reimbursed to the coordinator from the grant. The product is used as evidence that a sale was made in violation of the regulations. These checks happen across the 7 communities that the MTCP grant covers and the buyers are from all over (not necessarily residents from the 7 MTCP grant communities). Also, would you agree that this would fall 100% under community-specific services? Please let me know what you think!

Thanks,
Deanna

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