

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, Schedule C, page 8 of 9) Why is the Specialized Tools**
2 **and Equipment program not included under the Tools and Equipment**
3 **program?**
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- 5 A. The *Tools and Equipment* program is intended for the purchase of miscellaneous tools,
6 equipment and office furniture to replace items that have reached the end of their useful
7 life. The *Specialized Tools and Equipment* project is a project, not a program. The work
8 being undertaken in the *Specialized Tools and Equipment* project is the procurement of
9 specified equipment as described in Schedule C of the *2025 Capital Budget Application*.
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11 The Provisional Guidelines define a program as capital investments comprised of a
12 number of asset-related activities that are high volume, repetitive, like-for-like capital
13 replacements, enhancements, or additions that are expected to continue into the
14 foreseeable future.¹ The *Specialized Tools and Equipment* project does not fit within the
15 definition of work eligible for inclusion within a program and, as such, has been
16 proposed as a separate project.

¹ See the Provisional Guidelines, page 12 of 18.