



Public Safety Committee

Meeting Date: 05/26/2026

Approval of FEMA/GEMA Awarded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Department:	Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
Presenter:	Kymber Keaton, EMA Director
Caption:	Motion to approve acceptance of the awarded \$67,500 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, to be used to update the Augusta-Richmond County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Background:	<p>Augusta-Richmond County applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) to support the update of the Augusta-Richmond County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The application was submitted in October 2024 and subsequently awarded.</p> <p>The HMP is a federally required planning document under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and must be updated every five years to maintain compliance and continued eligibility for certain FEMA mitigation grant opportunities. The current Hazard Mitigation Plan is set to expire on October 6, 2027.</p> <p>The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies natural hazard risks within Augusta-Richmond County, assesses vulnerabilities, and establishes long-term mitigation strategies intended to reduce the impacts of future disasters on residents, infrastructure, property, and critical services. The planning process also includes coordination with local jurisdictions, stakeholders, and community partners to prioritize mitigation actions and resilience initiatives.</p> <p>The total approved cost is \$67,500 with a federal share of \$50,625, a state share of \$6,750, a local share of \$10,125, and Subrecipient Management cost of \$3,310.05.</p>
Analysis:	<p>Approval of the grant award will allow Augusta-Richmond County to begin the federally required update process for its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.</p> <p>Maintaining an approved and current Hazard Mitigation Plan is necessary for continued eligibility to pursue certain FEMA mitigation funding opportunities that support projects intended to reduce long-term disaster risk and improve community resilience.</p>

The updated plan will provide current hazard data, revised mitigation priorities, and coordinated strategies to address identified risks including severe weather, flooding, tornadoes, winter weather, and other natural hazards impacting Augusta-Richmond County.

Financial Impact: The City of Augusta's required local share cost of \$10,125 will be funded through Capital Funds. EMA will fund the \$3,310.05 Subrecipient Management Cost through its existing budget.

Alternatives: None at this time.

Recommendation: Approve the Motion to accept the awarded \$67,500 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding to support the update of the Augusta-Richmond County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Funds are available in the following accounts: Capital Funds (Org: 272039210, Obj: 5212999)
EMA Budget (Org: 101039210, Obj: 5213119)

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: Kymber Keaton, EMA Director