



Commission Meeting

March 29, 2023

MOU between Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Augusta Information Technology for Grant Applications

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| Department: | Information Technology |
| Presenter: | Gary Hewett, Deputy CIO |
| Caption: | Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Augusta Information Technology Department and Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for Grant Applications. Any grant applications will be approved through Augusta's normal grant review process. |
| Background: | The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) administers Federal grants on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. From time to time, GEMA/HS makes grant opportunities available to local government agencies. These grants are intended to improve local response to emergencies, terrorist attacks, and other threats. The Augusta Land Mobile Radio System (LMRS) is an important component of Augusta's public safety framework, and it may be eligible for some GEMA/HS grant opportunities. |
| Analysis: | This MOU is required for the Augusta Information Technology Department (IT) to apply for grants through the electronic portal maintained by GEMA/HS. Any grant applications will be approved through Augusta's normal grant review process. The Augusta Fire Department/Emergency Management Agency is aware of this request. |
| Financial Impact: | If approved, the MOU would allow Augusta Information Technology to apply for potential grant funding for radio system improvements. |
| Alternatives: | Deny the motion. |
| Recommendation: | Approve the MOU. |
| Funds are available in the following accounts: | N/A |
| <u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u> | N/A |