



Public Safety Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: January 30, 2024

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

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:	<p>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. Funding opportunities may include cybersecurity and radio system improvements.</p> <p>A similar MOU was approved by the Augusta Commission on March 29, 2023. GEMA/HS has requested an updated MOU for the next grants cycle due to changes in their internal processes.</p>
Analysis:	This MOU is required for the Information Technology Department to continue applying for grants through the electronic portal maintained by GEMA/HS. Any grant applications will be approved through Augusta's normal grant review process.
Financial Impact:	If approved, the MOU would allow Augusta Information Technology to apply for potential grant funding.
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