



Public Safety Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

Tetra Tech Services for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assistance

Department:	Fire
Presenter:	Antonio Burden, Fire Chief/EMA Director
Caption:	Motion to approve Task Order for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Support with a not-to-exceed amount of \$205,025.00 through Tetra Tech and allocate General Fund contingency for the project. RFP 24-917
Background:	<p>At its December 3, 2024 meeting, the Augusta Commission approved award of RFP 24-917 for Comprehensive Disaster Recovery and Cost Recovery Professional Services to Tetra Tech. The contract stipulates that task orders with specific not-to-exceed amounts will be issued for each engagement under the contract.</p> <p>The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a federal grant program to support projects that help mitigate against future disaster losses. HMGP funds are allocated through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and will be awarded to subrecipients on a competitive basis.</p>
Analysis:	<p>After pre-application review by GEMA, Augusta plans to submit up to 14 HMGP project applications for Hurricane Helene. These potential projects are focused on increasing Augusta's resiliency in future disasters. They include flood prevention, stabilization, and redundancy projects for Augusta Utilities; emergency generators; hardening retrofits for fire and utility facilities; and redundant communications systems. The total cost for all potential projects is approximately \$109 million.</p> <p>HMGP applications are highly technical and complex. Staff propose to use Tetra Tech's mitigation grant team to assist with application development and review.</p>
Financial Impact:	<p>The proposed not-to-exceed cost of \$205,025.00 represents estimated time for application development. Application costs will be fully reimbursable for any awarded grants. Augusta will be billed for actual hours used.</p> <p>For awarded projects, the expected cost share is 75% Federal, 10% State, and 15% local. Depending on the project, Augusta's cost share would be funded through existing SPLOST projects, Fire Protection funds, or water & sewer capital funding.</p>
Alternatives:	Do not approve Tetra Tech services and attempt to develop applications with in-house resources; do not apply for HMGP funding.

Recommendation: To approve Task Order for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Support with a not-to-exceed amount of \$205,025.00 through Tetra Tech and allocate General Fund contingency for the project. RFP 24-917

Funds are available in the following accounts: General Fund contingency

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