



## Public Safety Committee

Meeting Date: 10/27/2026

### Approval of FEMA/GEMA Awarded FY 25 Emergency Management Performance Grant

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| <b>Department:</b>                                    | Emergency Management Agency (EMA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Presenter:</b>                                     | Kymber Keaton, EMA Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Caption:</b>                                       | Motion to approve acceptance of the awarded \$50,000 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), to be used towards personnel and fringe benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Background:</b>                                    | <p>Augusta-Richmond County applied for an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMGP) funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) to support staffing costs towards emergency management personnel. The application was submitted on Jul 16, 2026, and subsequently awarded. The grant cycle is 1 fiscal year behind schedule.</p> <p>The EMPG is an annual federal grant to fund resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. It requires a 50/50 federal/local funding match. The cycle runs July 1 – June 30 each year.</p> <p>The total approved cost is \$100,000 with a federal share of \$50,000, a local share of \$50,000. Augusta Budget for FY 2026 has already approved these amounts.</p> |
| <b>Analysis:</b>                                      | <p>Approval of the grant award will allow Augusta-Richmond County to maintain their current Emergency Management staff.</p> <p>Maintaining the current staff will help support disaster response, preparedness efforts, and continue to support projects intended to reduce long-term disaster risk and improve community resilience.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Financial Impact:</b>                              | The City of Augusta's required local share cost of \$50,000, which has already been approved for the FY 26 EMA Budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Alternatives:</b>                                  | None at this time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Recommendation:</b>                                | Approve the Motion to accept the awarded \$50,000 EMPG Grant funding to support the current Augusta-Richmond County Emergency Management Agency staffing model.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b> | EMA Budget (Org: 101039210)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**REVIEWED AND**  
**APPROVED BY:**

Kymber Keaton, EMA Director