

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Request to accept a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award  
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**Department:** 20-EMA  
**Meeting Date:** 01/18/2022  
**Item Description:** Consideration to accept a HMGP Award

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends approving to accept a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award from GEMA/FEMA to update the Effingham County Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Executive Summary/Background:** In order to remain eligible for grants and disaster reimbursement from FEMA, each County, to include its municipalities, are required to maintain an up to date Hazard Mitigation Plan.

While most plans are written and updated by staff, due to the complexities and requirements placed upon the Hazard Mitigation Plan, FEMA and GEMA award each county with funding, every 5 years, to have a plan writer facilitate update meetings and plan construction.

As Effingham County's current plan was approved in 2017 and is effective through 2022, it is time to update then plan.

The overall grant total is \$26,000, with a local match of \$6,500, which will be accomplished via labor costs of several staff and local community partners to update the plan.

### **Options/Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

**Recommended:** Staff recommends approving the HMPG funding.

**Other Alternative(s):** Deny

**Department Review:** EMA, Finance

**Funding Source:** Local Labor Match of \$6,500

**Attachments:** GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award Document