

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Consideration to Ratify and Affirm an application to GEMA/FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding  
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**Department:** 20-EMA  
**Meeting Date:** 12/16/2025  
**Item Description:** Consideration to Ratify and Affirm an application to GEMA/FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends approving the ratification of a grant application to GEMA/FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding.

### **Executive Summary/Background:**

While the Effingham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Grant does not expire until 2029, funding is currently available to apply for, which can be used towards the future update. As the approval process is lengthy, it is necessary to apply for these funds now.

Due to funding deadlines, the Chairman signed the agreement, which must now be ratified and affirmed by the County Commission.

The local 25% match will be made up via in-kind labor.

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

**Recommended:** Approve to Ratify and Affirm an Application to GEMA/FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding

**Other Alternative(s):** Deny

**Department Review:** EMA

**Funding Source:** In-Kind Labor

**Attachments:** Application