

Staff Report

Subject: GEMA Local Emergency Management Performance Grants Program (EMPG)
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Department: Finance Department, Effingham Co Fire Rescue & EMA
Meeting Date: 06/18/2024
Item Description: Consideration to accept grant award from GEMA for Local Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program and authorize purchasing a boat and equipment.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff requests approval to accept a grant award from GEMA for the Local Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program and authorize the purchase of a boat and equipment.

Executive Summary:

GEMA/HS EMPG provides locally qualified EMAs with funding opportunities to enhance the local emergency management (EM) program by providing funds for administration, preparedness activities, and exercise and training. An all-hazards approach in developing a comprehensive planning, training, and exercises program offers a practical and consistent response and recovery to disasters or emergencies, regardless of the cause. Effingham County receives this grant each year. The new application will include equipment purchases for the Effingham County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) as per the following:

Background:

1. EMA receives the same amount each year, \$15,675.00.
2. There is a 50% cost share requirement.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the acceptance of the GEMA grant for the EMPG Program and authorize the purchase of the boat and equipment.
2. Disapprove the acceptance of the GEMA grant for the EMPG Program and authorize the purchase of the boat and equipment.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – 1. Approve the acceptance of the GEMA grant for the EMPG Program and authorize the purchase of the boat and equipment.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance, Effingham EMA

Funding Source:

The cost share requirement is \$15,675.00; the remaining cost will be covered by the Fire Rescue budget.

Attachments:

Effingham EMA Equipment Quotes

Copy of Award Email