

**Staff Report**

**Subject:** CSX Pride in Service Grant  
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**Department:** Effingham County Emergency Management Agency  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024  
**Item Description:** This is a request that the Effingham County Board of Commissioners (ECBOC) ratify and affirm the submission of a grant application to CSX for the Pride in Service Grant.

**Summary Recommendation:**

Staff requests approval for ECBOC to ratify and affirm the submission of a grant application to CSX for the Pride in Service Grant.

**Executive Summary:**

The Pride in Service Grant, offered by CSX, aims to support local communities in enhancing their emergency response capabilities. Effingham County Emergency Management Agency (EEMA) has applied for this grant to fund the purchase of an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), or drone, equipped with thermal imaging capabilities. This equipment will significantly improve the safety and efficiency of emergency response operations within the county.

**Background:**

1. Grant Award Amount: \$11,888.00.
2. No additional funding sources are required. The grant amount of \$11,888.00 fully covers the cost of the UAS.

**Alternatives for the Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve ECBOC's ratification and affirmation of submitting a grant application to CSX for the Pride in Service Grant.
2. Do not approve ECBOC ratifying and affirming the submission of a grant application to CSX for the Pride in Service Grant.
3. Provide Staff with Direction.

**Recommended Alternative:**

Staff recommends Alternative number 1

**Other Alternatives:**

N/A

**Department Review:** *(list departments)*

Effingham County Emergency Management Agency

**Supporting Documents:**

1. Pride in Service Grant Application Receipt (CSX - Grant.pdf)
2. Pride in Service Grant Details (Pride in Service Grants - CSX.pdf)
3. UAS Quote (UAS Quote - CSX.pdf)