

## Staff Report

**Subject:** FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HSGP)  
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**Department:** General Department  
**Meeting Date:** 12/03/2024  
**Item Description:** Consideration to submit a grant application to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HSGP).

### Summary Recommendation:

Staff requests approval to submit a grant application to FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HSGP).

### Executive Summary:

Effingham Emergency Management Agency seeks Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant funding to enhance disaster preparedness by installing advanced weather surveillance systems. The project includes six cyclonePORT systems, one long-range lightning detection system, and professional installation, at an estimated cost of \$68,163. A 25% county match is required for the grant, amounting to \$17,040.75, ensuring the community is better equipped to prevent and respond to disasters.

### Background:

1. If awarded, the funding will be used to purchase ballistic vests and triage bags for the Effingham County Fire Department.
2. There is a 25% cost-sharing or match requirement

### Alternatives for the Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the submittal of a grant application to FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HSGP).
2. Disapprove submitting a grant application to FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HSGP).
3. Provide Staff with Direction

### Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the submittal of a grant application to FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

**Other Alternatives:** N/A

**Department Review:** General, Finance, Effingham Emergency Management Agency

**Funding Source:**

### Attachments:

SDS Weather Estimate