

Staff Report

Subject: Governor's OPB GA Public Safety Officials & First Responders Supplement Grant

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Item Description: Consideration for the Board of Commissioners to ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) for a Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting consideration for the Board of Commissioners to ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) for a Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant.

Executive Summary:

Governor Kemp announced a Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. This program was established in recognition of the sacrifice and dedication public safety officers and first responders have shown in serving Georgians and their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant provides a \$1,000 pay supplement for all eligible sworn law enforcement officials and first responders and a \$300 supplement for all active volunteer firefighters in Georgia serving during August of 2021.

Eligible employees are workers who served full-time in August of 2021 as a public safety official or first responder in a position requiring active certification as a law enforcement officer, jail officer, communications officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel from the state from either the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council (GFSTC), or Department of Public Health (DPH).

Effingham County applied on behalf of eligible county employees and will disburse payments to individuals through a special payroll process.

Background:

1. There is no cost share requirement.
2. The award amount is \$272,248.50.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve to ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from OPB for a Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant.

2. Do not approve to ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from OPB for a Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from OPB for a Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Human Resources

Finance

Funding Source:

There is no cost share requirement.

Attachments:

OPB for a Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant award information