

# Staff Report

**Subject:** Award acceptance for GEMA State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant  
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**Department:** Finance Department  
**Meeting Date:** 3/7/23  
**Item Description:** Consideration to accept a grant award from and to contract with GEMA State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant.

## Summary Recommendation:

Staff is recommending approval to accept a grant award from and to contract with GEMA State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant.

## Executive Summary:

The Homeland Security Grant Program supports the core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs. The HSGP supports the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Mission to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. HSGP funds a range of activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration across all core capabilities and mission areas. At least eighty percent (80%) of funds must be passed through to local or tribal units of government. At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the overall HSGP funds received by the state must be dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities (LETPA).

The Sheriff's Office will utilize the funds for courthouse security to help build and enhance Effingham County's ability to protect citizens.

## Background:

1. The County applied for this grant back in April 2022.
2. This is a reimbursement grant.
3. The awarded funding amount is \$27,552.
4. There is no cost share requirement.

## Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve to accept a grant award from and to contract with GEMA SHSP.
2. Do not approve to accept a grant award from and to contract with GEMA SHSP.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

## Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to accept a grant award from and to contract with GEMA SHSP.

**Other Alternatives:**

N/A

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

Finance

**Funding Source:**

No cost share requirement

**Attachments:**

1. GEMA SHSP Award Letter
2. GEMA SHSP Agreement
3. GEMA SHSP Certification-Lobbying, Debarment, Drug-Free Workplace Form
4. GEMA SHSP Assurances-Non-Construction Form
5. GEMA SHSP Assurances-Construction Form
6. GEMA SHSP NIMS Compliance Form