

Staff Report

Subject: GEMA Local Emergency Management Performance Grants Program (EMPG)
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Department: Finance Department, Effingham EMA
Meeting Date: 3/7/23
Item Description: Consideration to submit a grant application to GEMA Local Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval to submit a grant application to Georgia Local Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program.

Executive Summary:

GEMA/HS EMPG provides local 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 the development of a comprehensive program of planning, training, and exercises provides for an effective and consistent response and recovery to disasters or emergencies, regardless of the cause. Effingham County receives this grant each year to help offset salary cost for the EMA Director. In addition to the salary supplement in this grant round, the new application will include equipment purchases for the Effingham County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) as per the following:

Item	GEMA	EC Match	Total
Personnel - EMA Director	\$7,275.00	\$7,275.00	\$14,550.00
Equip- Autel Robotics EVO II Thermal Drone Bundle *Vendor may change*	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00	\$8,700.00
Equip/Supplies- Plum Case Portable Broadband Kit *Vendor may change*	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00	\$8,100.00
Grand Total	\$15,675.00	\$15,675.00	\$31,350.00

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 submittal of a grant application to GEMA EMPG Program.
2. Do not approve the submittal of a grant application to GEMA EMPG Program.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the submittal of a grant application to GEMA EMPG Program.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance, Effingham EMA

Funding Source:

Cost share requirement of \$15,675.00

Attachments:

Effingham EMA Quotes