

Staff Report

Subject: GEMA Local Emergency Management Performance Grants Program (EMPG)
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Department: Finance Department, Effingham EMA
Meeting Date: 7/18/23
Item Description: Consideration to accept a grant award from GEMA Local Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting consideration to accept a grant award from 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	\$7,258.00	\$7,258.00	\$14,516.00
Equip - AEST Fire & Safety Aquaeye hand held sonar drone	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$5,600.00
Equip/Supplies- Plum Case Portable Broadband Kit	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00	\$8,100.00
Grand Total	\$14,108.00	14,108.00	\$28,216.00

Background:

1. Funding was cut by the state 10% from \$15,675.00 in previous years to \$14,108.00.
2. There is a 50% cost share requirement.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve to accept the GEMA EMPG Program grant award.
2. Do not approve to accept GEMA EMPG Program grant award.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to accept the GEMA EMPG Program grant award.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance, Effingham EMA

Funding Source:

Cost share requirement of \$14,108.00

Attachments:

GMA EMPG grant award