

Staff Report

Subject: Request to Ratify and Approve the Acceptance of an HMGP Grant to Update the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan
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Item Description: Request Ratify and Approve the Acceptance of an HMGP Award to the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends ratifying and approving the acceptance of an HMGP Grant to update the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Executive Summary/Background: In order to remain eligible for grants and disaster reimbursement from FEMA, each County, including its municipalities, is required to maintain an up-to-date Hazard Mitigation Plan.

While most plans are written and updated by staff, due to the complexities and requirements placed upon the Hazard Mitigation Plan, FEMA and GEMA award each county with funding every 5 years to have a plan writer facilitate update meetings and plan construction.

The overall grant award is \$56,335.00, with a local match of \$7,210.05, to be covered through labor costs for several staff members and local community partners to update the plan.

Options/Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

Recommended: Staff recommends approving the HMPG application.

Other Alternative(s): Deny

Department Review: EMA

Funding Source: Local Labor Match of \$7,210.05

Attachments: GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award Document