



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** August 11, 2025

**ITEM TITLE:** A Resolution Authorizing the Local Match for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Grant Application

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### BACKGROUND:

The City of Independence has submitted a joint application with the City of Oelwein to the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program grant. This grant will fund the installation of 10 new sirens, completely replacing the city's existing storm warning system, at locations throughout the City, providing excellent coverage for the City and surrounding areas as we continue to grow. The total project cost for Oelwein and Independence is \$609,056.10. Independence's total cost is \$395,028.10.

### DISCUSSION:

The City of Oelwein is the designated applicant on the grant application. The grant funding is structured on a cost-share basis. The federal share will not exceed 75%, and the state share will not exceed 10% of the total project cost. The City of Independence is required to provide a minimum local match of 15%, which can be in the form of cash or an in-kind contribution. The attached resolution is required by the state and FEMA to formally document the City's commitment to this local match.

### RESULTS:

This item supports the City's strategic vision of **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure** and **supporting high-quality City services**. The replacement of the storm warning system is a critical infrastructure upgrade that will enhance the City's ability to provide timely and effective emergency warnings to the public, thereby protecting community members.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The grant application is for a total project cost of \$609,056.10, with Independence's being \$395,028.10. The City of Independence's required local match is \$59,254.22. This represents the minimum 15% local share of the project costs. Funding for this was included in the bond issuance recently completed.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2025-, which agrees to provide and make available up to \$59,254.22 in local monies to meet the minimum local match requirement for this mitigation grant application.