



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

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**Meeting Date:** August 12, 2025

**Title:** FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$13,227

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2024 titled Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG).

The goal of the FY 2024 EMPG Program is to provide funds to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies to implement the National Preparedness System (NPS) and to support the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient nation.

The San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services (OES) issued a call for projects among several jurisdictions, along with an allocation matrix, to submit proposed projects. The City of Needles' allocation for FY 2024 EMPG was \$13,227.

In November 2024, the City of Needles submitted a project proposal. The City of Needles' proposed project will fund a portion of the Utility Manager whose job description includes Emergency Management Coordinator duties. The Utility Manager is a full-time position to be funded by a portion of emergency response funds. The Utility Manager for the City of Needles is the Emergency Response Coordinator in the capacity to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters, natural or man-made. The proposed project will be directed at public education and outreach, updating the City of Needles' local hazard mitigation plan, and EOC readiness and enhancements.

**Fiscal Impact:** The adopted fiscal year 2026 budget included a new revenue and expenditure line item for EMPG to allocate a portion of the Emergency Response Coordinator's labor costs.

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Accept the FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$13,227

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 8/7/2025

**Other Department Approval (when required):** Jill Taura

Date: 8/8/2025

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐