



Camden County, GA

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Master Agenda Report

Item Number: 4

Type: Regular Agenda

Contact: Adam Kabasakalian – 510-5010

Agenda Date: 10/5/2010

Title: Consideration of the 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant for Planning and Preparedness

Attachments:

- 1) Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) award letter
- 2) Recommended letter in response to GEMA request

Motions:

Accept the grant award by allocating the funds and release a letter to Georgia Emergency Management Agency replying to their request for additional information.

Background:

There is a countywide project to upgrade the emergency radio system in order to meet a federal mandate. If the required alterations are completed before 1/1/2013, then the public safety radio system used by all emergency responders, public works, and schools will not be usable per the Federal Communications Commission – we would essentially be in violation of federal law. We began leading a project back in June that includes all Police and Fire Chiefs, Sheriff, 911 director, technical resources, the School Board, and Administrators to ensure we comply with the regulations. We have also informed two regional commissions, two surrounding counties, and the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network as to our project to ensure all partnering opportunities are evaluated.

The rough estimates show that the additional cost to the Board of Commissioners is will be at least \$100,000 over the next two-and-a-half years. More robust solutions will be considered that will provide greater longevity and functionality, but at a higher cost. You can expect a full presentation when we have a better grasp of the options.

In accordance with our Strategic Plan, "Issue 2: Fiscal Sustainability", planning has begun early to identify funds for this project. A pre-application was submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for consideration in a grant program. I am pleased to announce that we have been selected, and \$17,025 was set aside for Camden County.

There could be additional funding to bring the award up to \$25,000. The net result is that a \$12,500 investment this year will cover \$37,500 required costs. The grant of \$17,050 currently requires local funding in the amount of \$8,512.50; however, should the additional grant funding become available the local cash allocation will need to be \$12,500 (which I feel reasonably confident that it will). This project was on schedule to come before the board for FY 2012 budgets; however, the grant requires finances to be available during the current fiscal year. Like other grants, Camden County must provide 100% of the funding and seek reimbursement when complete.

The grant and County Commission funding of this project will help ensure our first responders can communicate with each other during daily emergencies as well as catastrophes.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of this item as presented.

**GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
GEORGIA OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

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September 10, 2010

Adam Kabasakalian
Interim Director of Strategic Planning
Camden County
P.O. Box 99
Woodbine, GA 31569

Dear Mr. Kabasakalian,

This letter is to inform you that your 2010 EMPG Response and Recovery pre-application has been selected by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for possible funding pending the receipt of additional documentation.

In order for your application to be fully approved, we need for you to submit the items indicated on the following page. Please send the required information to the address on page two of this letter by Friday, October 15, 2010. Original documents are required.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 912-687-2399 or your GEMA Field Coordinator, Allen Robinson.

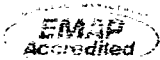
Congratulations on your selection, and thank you for allowing GEMA to assist you in better protecting your citizens.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Ray".

Chuck Ray,
Director of Field Operations
GEMA/HS

cc: Allen Robinson
Mark Crews



Documentation required to complete your application is indicated with an X

*Requirements as outlined in SECTION I of the application instructions

- The pre-application submission must include a signed letter from the chief elected official from the jurisdiction providing the local non-federal match.

The letter must state that;

1. Local cash funding will be made available for the response and recovery project in the amount indicated in (B) Non-Federal Local Cash Share.
2. Agreement to provide 100% of the Total Estimated Project Cost
3. Seek reimbursement from GEMA for the Estimated Federal Share
4. Provide documentation of the local match, (cash and/or in-kind match) upon a request from GEMA

- Environmental Impact Studies

- Environmental Review letter from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division
 Historical Review letter from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historical Preservation Division

- Project Description

Attach a description of the proposed project. Clearly outline the scope of the proposed project and list the project goals and objectives. Include in your description the need for this activity and the problems this activity will address, the methodology for implementing this activity, and how the project fits in with current systems and plans and those local agencies, departments, officials or citizens groups involved in the decision making process.

- Public Awareness Component

Description of how the public will be helped by the warning/communication improvements. Include all aspects of your project which inform the public (1) of the dangers of the hazard being mitigated, and (2) how to prepare and respond to an impending hazard (e.g. workshops, involvement in exercises, videos, etc.).

- Planned Exercise Component

Description of all exercises being planned related to this project (weekly/monthly test, planned drills, etc.).

- Project Location(s)

- Physical Location of Proposed Project
Identify the street address and describe the facility where the equipment will be located.
- Description of Service Area of Proposed Project
Describe the area protected by this project; include the location (street numbers or neighborhoods) and zip codes.
- Description of the population that will be benefit by the proposed project
Please include the estimated population
- City or County Map with Project Site(s) and Photographs
- Attach a copy of a city or county scale map (large enough to show the entire project area) with the project site marked on the map.
- Attach photographs of the project site showing the location of the proposed improvement

- Budget Work Sheet

- Implementation Schedule

- Certification by Authorized Agent

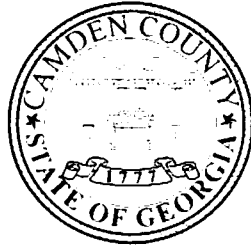
- Staff Contact for this application

Please mail original documents to:

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Director of Field Operations
GEMA/HS – Statesboro Office
P.O. Box 21864
Statesboro, Georgia 30460-1468

Board of County Commissioners

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October 6, 2010

Chuck Ray
Director of Field Operation
GEMA/HS – Statesboro Office
PO Box 21864
Statesboro, GA 30460-1468

Dear Mr. Ray,

Thank you for the award of the 2010 EMPG Planning and Preparedness award in the amount of \$17,025. Local cash funding will be made available for the response and recovery project in the amount of \$12,500.00. Camden County will provide 100% of the Total Estimated Project Cost and seek reimbursement from GEMA for the Estimated Federal Share. Documentation will be provided to show the local match upon request from GEMA.

During our pre-application we were evaluating our inventory from various departments. After submitting the application, we found that the expenses would be considerably higher than originally estimated. The largest single surprise was when we found out that two of our repeaters would need to be replaced for an added expense of \$16,958.00. If there are additional funds available, we respectfully request maximum funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 to help fund a portion of the additional project costs. As noted above, we will allocate sufficient funds to cover the maximum match requirements.

Sincerely,

David L. Rainer, Chairman

Cc: Allen Robinson

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