

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application  
DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 2018

Regular Meeting (X)  
Work Session (X)  
Recommendation ( )  
Policy/Discussion ( )  
Report ( )

BUDGET IMPACT: \$42,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- (X) Lowndes County In Kind Funding \$4,620.00
- (X) Matching State Funds \$5,880.00
- (X) HMA Grant Funding (FEMA) \$21,000.00

Other ( )

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan is currently approved through February, 2022. In order to gain funding to assist with the planning and update process, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency has advised Lowndes County to submit an application for funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) which was recently made available to eligible counties in Georgia. Normally, under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant program, funding is provided on a cost share basis with the federal share making up 75 percent of the funding and Lowndes County providing the remaining 25 percent. By applying now under the HMGP, we will be able to leverage not only the Federal funding but also reduce the local cost share due to the State of Georgia's contributions under this particular grant program. As a result, even though the contractual costs are estimated to be higher during the next revision, the local cost share is actually lower. Because the time staff spends in attending planning meetings, gathering information, and otherwise participating in plan development is an allowable expense, Lowndes County's cost share can be met by documenting this time and submitting it as part of the reimbursement process of the grant. This will allow Lowndes County to meet the terms of the grant guidance without an actual cash allocation being required. Once Lowndes County receives notice of funding approval they can begin the process of selecting a qualified consultant and begin the plan update process to ensure the county maintains compliance and eligibility for federal disaster related funding in the future.

- OPTIONS: 1. Authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application for submission to GEMA.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

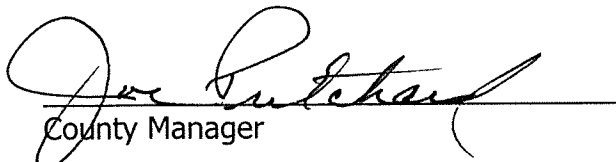
DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_