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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: Fire and Emergency Services

Department Head: M. Allen McCullough

Presenter, if needed: M. Allen McCullough/ Pete Nelms

Preferred Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of Fire and Emergency Services' request to apply for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of $30,000 for the purpose of updating the County's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Background/History/Details:

To be eligible for State and Federal grants and disaster funding, Fayette County is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to have in force a current Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is intended to give Fayette County a blueprint of hazards and outlines a plan to mitigate and reduce the affects of those hazards in our community. Our current plan is in force and dated May 2005, and is required to be updated every 5 years. The purpose of our request is to seek permission to apply for this grant to secure $30,000 in grant funding to offset costs during the required update of our current Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. As a result of having this plan in force, it has been instrumental in securing funding for, and mitigating the following hazards in Fayette County. *Mitigating flooding around and behind Pye Lake Dam- $1,500,000, *Mitigating repetitive flooding in the Tinsley Mill- $900,000, *Repetitive flood prone area located at 265 Carroll's Way- $600,000. Direct financial benefit of the Per-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan $3,000,000.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Permission to apply for grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of $30,000.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? No

If so, when?

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

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Approved by Finance? Yes

Reviewed by Legal? Yes

Approved by Purchasing? Yes

Approved by Administrative Staff? Yes

Staff Notes

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date Wednesday, September 3, 2008

- ○ Recognition/ Presentation
- ○ Public Hearing
- ○ Old Business
- ● New Business
- ○ Consent
- ○ Report
- ○ Other

Pete Nelms

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NEWS RELEASE

Fiscal Year 2009 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Application Period Opens for Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance, Repetitive Flood Claims, and Severe Repetitive Loss Programs

(ATLANTA) - The Georgia Emergency Management Agency announced today the opening of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) competitive grant program for fiscal year 2009. The State of Georgia and local governments are eligible to apply for funding through this program.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funds through these programs on a nationally competitive basis to implement hazard mitigation measures that reduce losses of life and property damage caused by natural disasters.

"Our goal is to help local governments' secure federal hazard mitigation assistance funds that will help protect our Georgia citizens from future disaster events," said GEMA Director Charley English. "We encourage local governments to review their local mitigation plans and determine their most important mitigation needs to take advantage of this federal funding opportunity. Implementing these local mitigation projects will ultimately make for a safer Georgia."

Local governments must have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan by December 19, 2008 in order to be eligible to receive a project grant. Pre-applications are required by September 23, 2008 for all proposed project grants. GEMA has posted additional information on the grant application process at http://www.gema.ga.gov/.

For additional information, contact GEMA's Hazard Mitigation Division at 1-800-TRY-GEMA or 404-635-7522.

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