COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	M. Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, April 14, 2011	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's request to accept an FY2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of $31,200 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security; and authorization to use $3,600 of the undesignated Fire Fund and $4,200 of the undesignated EMS Fund to meet the County's 20% grant obligation.

Background/History/Details:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has approved the departments grant request for the FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This grant request was for two (2) thermal imaging cameras and six (6) handheld oximeters for Carbon Monoxide. The grant amount total is $39,000, the Federal share is 80% ($31,200) and the Fayette County share is 20% ($7,800). The thermal imaging camera allows for the search of areas inside and outside buildings using the thermal technology by showing the heat signature of body heat. Firefighters can greatly reduce the time involved in a search using these devices. These cameras also aid in the search for fires hidden in void spaces behind walls and in ceiling spaces not accessible by displaying the temperature of the area and will eliminate the need to create a hole to use for visualization. The department will use this grant to place two (2) additional cameras on units that currently do not have them. The addition of these cameras will place one (1) camera on each first out apparatus in all fire response zones. The faster you can place a camera on the scene with a firefighter the faster the search and rescue can begin. The Carbon Monoxide (CO) monitors are a non-invasive oximeter that is used to check the amount of carbon monoxide in the blood circulatory system of any patient that has been exposed to an environment containing CO. These monitors would be placed on the Medic Units and the Squad. This type monitor will allow a better evaluation of the individual patient and aid in the determination of the best transport destination. In addition, these monitors will be used on the fire scene to monitor the firefighters during rehabilitation and determine if they have any level of CO and give an indication if they can continue operations on the scene.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Increase the department's expenditure and revenue budgets to allow for the acceptance of the grant. The county's 20% match for the Fire budget will be $3,600 from the undesignated Fire Fund and the county's 20% match for the EMS budget will be $4,200 from the undesignated EMS Fund.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

$3,600 will come from the undesignated Fire Fund and $4,200 will come from the undesignated EMS Fund.

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	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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Washington, D.C. 20472

FEMA

Mr. Peter Nelms
Fayette County Dept.of Fire and Emergency Services
Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214-1520

Re: Grant No.EMW-2010-FO-04089

Dear Mr. Nelms:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to $39,000.00. The Federal share is 80 percent or $31,200.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 20 percent or $7,800.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the Articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. **You establish acceptance of the grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you request and receive any of the Federal grant funds awarded to you.** By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval from FEMA.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should request funds when you have an immediate cash need.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the awards process or how to request your grant funds, please call the helpdesk at 1-866-274-0960.

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March 23, 2011

Mr. Peter Nelms
Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services
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Dear Mr. Nelms:

I am writing to congratulate the Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services on securing payment through the Fiscal Year 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant administered by United States Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of $31,200.

The United States Department of Homeland Security will be in contact with you soon regarding this award. If you have any questions during this process, please do not hesitate to contact my grants director, Katy McEver at (770) 661-0999.

I appreciate the services you provide to our state and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Very truly yours,

Johnny Isakson
United States Senate

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