COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, December 15, 2011	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of a grant in the amount of $950,000 from the State of Georgia to Fayette County available through the Federal Emergency Operations Center Grant Program.

Background/History/Details:

Fayette County has applied the last four years in the form of this grant to provide additional funding for the construction of a new modern Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding to local communities on a competitive basis to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting a flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located and fully interoperable EOC. The amount of this award is $950,000.

State officials will be present to present the grant award.

See attached letter.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Accept this grant based on the Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement pending legal review.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?	No	Backup Provided with Request?	No

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Approved by Finance		Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Finance has requested support documentation of the grantee-subgrantee agreement outlining the requirements of this grant from Fire/ES as required by the recent adopted grant policy. The BOC needs to be aware that there is a 25% matching requirement on behalf of the County and other additional funding not currently included in the 2012 5-yr CIP will be required to complete the HQ/EOC project.

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November 4, 2011

Honorable Herb Frady
Chairman
Fayette County Board of Commissioners
Suite 100
140 Stonewall Avenue, West,
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Dear Commissioner Frady:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the State of Georgia has awarded Fayette County a subgrant funded from the federal Emergency Operations Center Grant Program. The amount of the grant is $950,000.00 to build capabilities that enhance homeland security. This grant also requires that Fayette County provide a cash or in-kind match to meet the 75 percent federal and 25 percent grantee match requirement.

These funds are subject to the execution of the appropriate documents that you will receive from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA). The grant funding can be used only for the purposes specified and authorized by a Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement, so no action can be undertaken until the agreement has been finalized.

These monies are awarded for construction of your Emergency Management department's Emergency Operations Center. Before any work can be undertaken or monies can be expended, Fayette County must submit through GEMA to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), detailed budget worksheets and required Environmental Historic Preservation documentation requirements and receive appropriate approvals before any actions are taken. Due to the complex requirements of this grant, it is recommended that you maintain close contact with your GEMA Program Manager, Judy Gourley.

Thank you for your commitment to protect our state. I appreciate your efforts to ensure that Georgia remains a safe place for us to live and raise our families. By working together, we can continue to be prepared for the challenges that may face us.

Sincerely,

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cc: Captain Pete Nelms
Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services