

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Application

DATE OF MEETING: March 24, 2015

BUDGET IMPACT: \$60,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- Grant Funding \$60,000.00

- Regular Meeting
- Work Session
- Recommendation
- Policy/Discussion
- Report
- Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Application

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Office of Homeland Security (GEMA/OHS) recently announced that they would be accepting applications for regional projects to be funded by the FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Funding is available to all public safety agencies within Georgia, but to be considered the project must benefit the region. Applications for projects that only benefit the host agency or a single community will not be considered.

After action reviews of recent events and exercises have identified the need for adequate space for the individual Incident Commanders from each agency to coordinate during large events in which multiple agencies respond to the scene. The most cost effective way to accomplish this is by purchasing and equipping a trailer that can be towed to the scene and set up as a Mobile Emergency Operations Center from which the on scene coordination can take place. This trailer would complement the Mobile Communications Vehicle which is currently maintained by the Valdosta Police Department and provides on scene communications coordination and interoperable capabilities.

If approved the project would be funded 100% utilizing HSGP funds with no matching funds required by Lowndes County. The grant would be a reimbursement grant meaning Lowndes County would purchase the equipment and submit documentation for reimbursement to GEMA/OHS. Lowndes County would be responsible for future maintenance of the equipment.

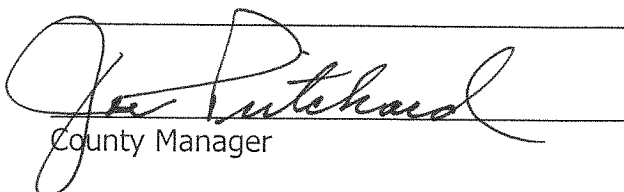
OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to submit application for Homeland Security Grant Program funding.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:



County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____