

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: August 13, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT: \$1,568,020.68

100% Reimbursed

FUNDING SOURCE:

( ) Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding (GEMA) - \$1,176,015.51

( ) Pruitt Health Corporation - \$392,005.17

( ) N/A

( ) SPLOST

( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Hazard Mitigation Grant Applications

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) recently released guidance which made Hazard Mitigation funding available to nursing homes for the purpose of installing transfer switches and/or emergency backup generators on their facilities. Not for profit nursing homes are eligible to apply directly with GEMA whereas for profit facilities must submit applications through the local Emergency Management Agency in the county in which their facility(s) reside. Because all five of the long term care facilities in Lowndes County are for profit businesses, operated by Pruitt Health Corporation, in order for them to receive funding to install generators at each of their facilities to power the entire facility in the event of a power failure, Lowndes County must serve as the applicant agent. If approved, Lowndes County would serve as the applicant and fiscal agent for the grant and submit requests through GEMA for 75% of the costs which are eligible for reimbursement. Upon award of a bid to the selected vendor, Pruitt Health would provide Lowndes County with the 25% cost share prior to Lowndes County disbursing any funds. The anticipated reimbursement timeframe from GEMA for their share of the funding is 30-45 days. Each application is considered separately so GEMA could decide to fund none of the applications, all of the applications or fund some and reject the others. If all applications are chosen for funding the total project cost based on budgetary quotes is just over \$1.5 million of which Lowndes County would be fully reimbursed by GEMA and Pruitt Health.

OPTIONS:     1. Authorize the Chairman to sign grant applications for submittal by staff.  
              2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: