

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY2015 EMPG Planning and Preparedness Award Application

DATE OF MEETING: July 28, 2015

BUDGET IMPACT: \$5,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- GEMA Funding - \$2,500.00
- In Kind Funding - \$2,500.00

- Regular Meeting (X)
- Work Session (X)
- Recommendation ( )
- Policy/Discussion ( )
- Report ( )
- Other ( )

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: FY2015 EMPG Planning and Preparedness Award Application

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Each year GEMA makes available additional EMPG funds through a competitive award process. The maximum funding amount is based upon the County's DCA Tier status. Lowndes County is eligible to receive up to an additional \$2,500 award if the submitted project is approved. This amount is required to be matched with a 50/50 cost share. Lowndes County is able to meet this matching requirement by utilizing in kind services so this project will not require Lowndes County to provide any cash funding in order to meet the match requirement. The purpose of this particular grant program is to provide financial assistance to local communities to increase preparedness. The award provides funding for planning and preparedness elements of emergency management such as conducting disaster exercises, training, and/or developing new plans to cover areas for which plans do not currently exist.

If awarded, these grant funds will be used during the development of a local Critical Incident Stress Management Plan. The funds will cover the costs associated with conducting numerous planning meetings with local stakeholders during the development phase. The match requirement will be met by utilizing staff labor costs to conduct and/or attend meetings as well as producing the written plan document.

- OPTIONS: 1. Authorize Chairman to sign application and cover letter.  
2. Board's pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_