



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 23-00340**

**Agenda Date: 8/8/2023**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Grant Agreement**

**Presenter:**

Harold Theus, Fire Chief 352-384-3101

**Description:**

2023-2024 State-funded Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistant (EMPA) Grant Agreement

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the 2023-2024 State-funded EMPA Agreement, adopt the Resolution amending the Adopted Budget, approve the Budget Amendment (2023-00002703), and authorize an Interfund Loan not to exceed \$105,806.00.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

The EMPA grant is a reimbursement grant that will require an interfund loan for cash flow purposes for an amount not to exceed \$105,806.00. This grant will allow for an additional \$105,806.00 in grant revenue that will be expensed for personal services. Account 255.54.5430.525-various, project number 3235405.

**Strategic Guide:**

Public Safety

**Background:**

The State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management (DEM) has forwarded the 2023-2024 State-funded Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Agreement to Alachua County. This is a cost reimbursement agreement designed to enhance the local emergency management program. The 2023 Florida legislature approved an allocation of \$105,806.00 to Alachua County for a twelve (12) month period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

The Emergency Management Section has two primary annual non-County funding sources. They are the EMPA and the Federal grant program entitled the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The Emergency Management Section has been a recipient of both the State and Federal grants since the programs were created. All grant funds are used to maintain and enhance the

Emergency Management program and its functions.

During a desktop monitoring review by the Florida Department of Emergency Management, it was recommended that the County utilize EMPA grant funds for personal services expenses instead of operating and capital expenses to ease the grant monitoring and reporting burden for both DEM and the County.