



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement FY2024-2025

Presenter:

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Description:

2024-2025 Federally Funded EMPG Agreement

Recommended Action:

Approve the 2024-2025 Federally Funded Subgrant EMPG Agreement, adopt the Resolution amending the Adopted Budget, approve the Budget Amendment (2025-00000138), and authorize an Interfund Loan not to exceed \$84,605.00.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The EMPG is a reimbursement grant that will require an interfund loan for cash flow purposes for an amount not to exceed \$84,605.00. The FY2024-25 Adopted budget included an estimated grant award of \$77,711.00. A budget amendment is necessary to increase the grant by \$6,894.00 to the full award of \$84,605.00 (256.54.5430.525- various personal services project #2255402) and allocated the award to the appropriate project number.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has forwarded the agreement to Alachua County for the state's 2024-2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant. EMPG funds are federal pass-through monies distributed through a matching grant designed to establish and advance local government emergency management activities and functions. The Emergency Management Section has two primary, annual non-County funding sources. They are the federally-funded EMPG, and a state-funded grant entitled the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Grant.

The Emergency Management Section has been a recipient of both the State and Federal grants since the programs were created. These grants represent approximately 40% of Emergency Management's annual operating funds. The remainder is provided by the Board of County Commission General Fund.

The County is allowed to utilize the EMPA grant as an in-kind match for the required match. The EMPA grant award of \$105,806.00 exceeds the EMPG award and will provide the required match.

During a desktop monitoring review by the Florida Department of Emergency Management, it was recommended that the County utilize EMPG 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.