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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Watt, Nancy - County Executive Officer  
Emergency Services  
**REPORT BY:** Patti DeWeese, Staff Services Analyst, 253-4197  
**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2007 Emergency Management Performance Grant

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security's Fiscal Year 2007 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$65,168 for ongoing emergency preparedness for the Napa Operational Area.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program provides funds to local governments for ongoing emergency preparedness. These funds are administered by the State of California Office of Emergency Services for the federal Department of Homeland Security. Napa County has been awarded grant funds under this program for over ten years, benefiting all jurisdictions and disciplines in the Napa Operational Area.

Napa County applied for and has been awarded EMPG funds for the Federal Fiscal Year 2007 in the amount of \$65,168. These grant funds are used for maintaining an effective emergency management system throughout the Napa Operational Area.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Emergency Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Acceptance of the grant funds reduces the impact to the General Fund for maintaining and improving emergency preparedness programs.

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Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	There will be no fiscal impacts past the current fiscal year.
Consequences if not approved:	Emergency programs would not be maintained at optimum levels, thereby reducing readiness in emergency situations.
Additional Information:	There is a dollar-for-dollar match required which is offset by the Emergency Services Manager's salary, as well as a portion of the salary of the City of Calistoga Emergency Services Manager.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program has been in existence for many years. It is funded through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES).

Napa County applied for and has been awarded funds in the amount of \$65,168 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2006/07 (October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007). The County did not receive official notification of the award until August 31, 2007. The performance period ended on September 30, 2007, but due to the late notification by the State, jurisdictions have been allowed to request extensions to that performance period. Napa County has recently received authorization to extend the performance period for an additional 90 days to December 31, 2007 to allow for the completion of projects approved under this grant. Of the \$65,168 awarded, \$14,000 is being passed through to the City of Calistoga to assist with the enhancement of their emergency services program. Calistoga is the only city in Napa County with a fulltime Emergency Services Manager.

The State and Federal granting agencies are currently discussing the advantages and disadvantages of adjusting the performance period on the EMPG grants from the Federal fiscal year to the State fiscal year for the 08/09 grant cycle and eliminating the increasingly late award of the grants to the local entities.

EMPG grant funds are used for maintaining an effective emergency management system throughout the Napa Operational Area, benefiting all jurisdictions and disciplines. Among other undertakings, the grant funds will be used for training and exercises, including Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), and ongoing work on pre-disaster mitigation and preparedness efforts.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins