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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Karen Gratton for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
Emergency Services
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2006 Emergency Management Performance Grant

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security's Fiscal Year 2006 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$65,016 for ongoing emergency preparedness.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program provides funds to local governments for ongoing emergency preparedness. 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 2006 in the amount of \$65,016. 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.

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:	The grant requires matching funds equal to the grant amount. The County's match will be made up with a portion of the County Emergency Services Manager's salary. The full salary and benefits for this position are appropriated in the FY06-07 Emergency Services budget. The County passes \$14,000 of the grant funds to the City of Calistoga to assist in the support of their Emergency Services program, therefore, the City of Calistoga provides a \$14,000 match for their portion of this required match.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Emergency Management Performance Grant 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 \$65,016 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2005-06 (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006). Due to transitions within the DHS and State OES, the County did not receive official notification of the award until July 2006. Of the \$65,016 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.

These 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), ongoing work on pre-disaster mitigation and preparedness efforts and salary offset for a portion of the Emergency Services Manager position.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Gratton