

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



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| Agenda Date: | October 2, 2023 |
| Action Required: | Approval |
| Presenter: | Jeremy Evans, Emergency Management Coordinator |
| Staff Contacts: | Jeremy Evans, Emergency Management Coordinator |
| Title: | Resolution to Appropriate Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Emergency Management Performance Grant - \$7,500 (1 of 2 readings) |

Background

The EMPG program provides resources to assist local governments in preparing for all hazards. Through the grant program, the Federal government provides coordination, guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive emergency preparedness system.

This is a 50/50 grant award. The City has allocated more than \$7,500.00 to the Emergency Manager (EM) salary and EM projects for the current fiscal year. A grant award of \$7,500.00 from FEMA/VDEM will be awarded to offset the City's costs.

Discussion

Grant funding for the program is available to cities, counties and those towns recognized as emergency management jurisdictions under Title 44 of the Code of Virginia. The City of Charlottesville is the grant administrator for this grant, which will be used to enhance our local government's preparedness for future major emergencies and disasters. The grant award period is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The objective of the LEMPG is to support local efforts to develop and maintain a comprehensive emergency management program. The 2024 LEMPG funds will be used this year to offset the salary of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The Emergency Operations Plan supports the City Council's strategic outcome areas of Public Safety and Organizational Excellence.

Community Engagement

By preparing our local government for future events, we align with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's vision for continuity to be "a more resilient Nation through whole community integration of continuity plans and programs to sustain essential functions under all conditions."

Budgetary Impact

Budget expenditure of \$7,500.00 will be used to offset the salary of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Recommendation

Approval

Alternatives

If grant and matching funds are not appropriated, the funds will not be awarded to cover salary offset.

Attachments

1. LEMPG Grant Resolution