

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2012
SUBJECT: Emergency Communications System Grant Funding
PRESENTER: Rocky Hyder
ATTACHMENTS: Grant Award Letter

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County has received a grant from FEMA to replace our aging emergency communications system. The total project cost is estimated at \$946,780.00, FEMA will cover 80 percent of the cost (\$757,424.00) and Henderson County will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent (\$189,356.00). The current emergency communications system has a recommended life cycle replacement in 2014; the grant funds will provide a new digital system designed to meet our communication needs for the foreseeable future.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Appropriate \$190,000.00 in the FY 12-13 budget designated for the 20 percent share of the cost for this project.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve participation in the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for grant number EMW-2011-FR-00284.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472



FEMA

Mr. Rocky Hyder
Henderson County EMS
211 First Ave East
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792-5005

Re: Grant No.EMW-2011-FR-00284

Dear Mr. Hyder:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$946,780.00. The Federal share is 80 percent or \$757,424.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 20 percent or \$189,356.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the Articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. **You establish acceptance of the grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you formally receive the award through the AFG online system.** By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval from FEMA.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should request funds when you have an immediate cash need.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the awards process or how to request your grant funds, please call the helpdesk at 1-866-274-0960.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth M. Harman".

Elizabeth M. Harman
Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate