

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Authorize the City Manager to Contract with the Washington State Military Department for \$54,531 of Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grant Funds (EMPAG) and
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> City Manager's Office, Finance
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn, Grants Specialist

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:** The purpose of this staff report is to request Council's approval authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with the Washington State Military Department for \$54,351 of Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grant funds and to implement the project. The City of Shoreline applied for funding to provide a back-up generator for the city's mass shelter site, the Spartan Gym. These funds will allow us to purchase and install the generator system, meeting one of the city's emergency preparedness needs.

In May 2006, the Washington State Military Department announced the availability of EMPAG funds to assist local jurisdictions in preparing for an emergency. The grant program provides funding for high impact, short term emergency management projects. This is a new source of grant funds that was approved by the Washington State Legislature as part of their 2007 fiscal year budget.

One of the needs identified in our city's emergency management plan is a mass shelter site, the Spartan Gym. A major gap in preparedness is seen as the lack of back-up power to this site and staff has been searching for grant funds to meet this need. For the EMPAG program, a total of 89 applications were received, totaling almost \$8.5 million in requests with only \$1.6 million of funding available. A total of 30 awards were announced on June 28, 2006.

**ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED:**

- Accept the EMPAG funds and implement the back-up generator project at the Spartan Gym. The grant funds will be added to the 2006 budget during the next budget amendment process. (recommended)
- Do not accept the EMPAG funds.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The EMPAG program does not require a local match. There should be no additional costs to the city to implement the project. However, the yearly maintenance cost will be approximately \$1,000 and this cost will be absorbed in the general fund budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with the Washington State Military Department for \$54,351 of Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grant funds and to implement the project.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney