

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds
DEPARTMENT:	Finance
PRESENTED BY:	Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn, Grants Specialist

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT: Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for \$145,858 in 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds. These are Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds that are administered locally through the Washington State Military Department (WMD).

The purpose of EMPG is to assist with the enhancement and sustainment of state, local, and tribal emergency management programs. Activities conducted using EMPG funding should relate directly to the four elements of all-hazards emergency management: response, recovery, mitigation and preparedness. Within Washington State, the Washington Military Department manages and allocates these funds in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 118-09. Eligibility requirements include:

- Local emergency management organization established by ordinance or code.
- Local emergency management organization has a current Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- Have a separate emergency management program budget.

EMPG awards are distributed using a formula established in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 118-09-040. Awards are calculated based on the total funding throughout the state appropriated for emergency management and how much EMPG funding is available from FEMA.

The City has applied for and received EMPG funds since 2004. Previous funding amounts were below the threshold where City Council approval is required.

2004	\$21,273
2005	\$18,905
2006	\$24,123
2007	\$26,162
2008	\$29,741
2009	\$35,267

The City has used these funds for equipment upgrades, VISTA volunteers, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) improvements, hazard plan updates, training exercises, public education materials and CERT training for Shoreline citizens.

This year staff was successful in working with the Washington Military Department to calculate Shoreline's grant differently. Staff was successful in having the State include the full costs that the City and our partners in the Fire Department bear each year to remain ready for emergencies and to mitigate hazards identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. So while previous EMPG awards have remained in the \$20,000 - \$35,000 range this year's grant is significantly larger. Much of this increase is due to one-time capital project that addresses flooding at Ronald Bog. We anticipate that future grants will be in the \$35,000 - \$50,000 range.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

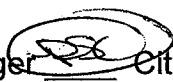
This grant would provide \$145,858 to support emergency management activities. These funds will be added to the Emergency Management budget as part of the budget amendment process in the fall.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for \$145,858 in 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds.

Approved By:

City Manager



City Attorney

