



Fulton County

Legislation Text

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Department

Emergency Management

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of the Atlanta Region Commission's Metro Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Department of Homeland Security grant funding awarded to Fulton County in the total of \$453,392.98. Additionally, requesting authorization of the Chairman to execute the MOU and authorization for the County Attorney to approve the MOU as to form and to make necessary changes thereto prior to execution. The funding highlighted in the MOU is from the Federal Department of Homeland Security and approval of this item will not require the expenditure of any additional County funds. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

O.C.G.A § 36-10-1 Requires any contract entered into by the County be approved by the Board and entered into its official minutes.

Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Justice and Safety

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

Scope of Work: The Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA) recommends Board of Commissioners approval of this agenda item. Approval of this item will not require the expenditure of

any additional County funds. The Memorandum of Understanding covers two initiatives with funds totaling \$453,392.98. These programs/organizations will not receive any direct funds as the Metro Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) will be providing the requested equipment, supplies, and resources.

Community Impact: The Atlanta Region Commission's Metro UASI MOU covers two initiatives designed to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from threats of or acts of terrorism. (1) The WebEOC program enhances AFCEMA's situational awareness & accountability, which aids first responders and first receivers with incident management, coordination, and collaboration activities. AFCEMA's WebEOC is the second largest system in the US and hosts every municipality and hospital in Fulton County, as well as community partners such as GWCCA, Mercedes Benz-Stadium, NWS, Red Cross, and multiple Universities. This enhancement will provide AFCEMA the capability to communicate with other WebEOC services or third party systems, incorporate new WebEOC updates into our system, and allow for continued flexibility and customization for emerging needs. (2) The Interoperability program moves our radio frequency system forward with a platform known as Critical Connect. This enables cloud-based interoperability that can adapt to agency needs and makes it easier to manage complex communication centers. It can quickly be set up and scale allowing growth in terms of capacity, unique connections, features, and future service.

Department Recommendation: The Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency recommends Board of Commissioners' approval for this agenda item.

Project Implications: No future implications are anticipated in terms of potential changes in budget, service provision, or County policy/operations.

Community Issues/Concerns: No issues or concerns have been raised by internal/external partners concerning this specific agenda item.

Department Issues/Concerns: The Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency does not have any specific issues or concerns as it relates to this specific agenda item.