



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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Item Status: New
From: Zach Hood, EMA Director
Submitted by: Sherry-Lea Bloodworth Botop, PIO

ITEM TITLE

Civic Innovation Challenge Grant Application

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the Baldwin County Commission, through the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), to partner with the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative (Harvard University) to apply for the “Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC): A Research and Action Competition in the Smart and Connected Communities Domain” grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and National Science Foundation (NSF); and

Said grant to be used to support pre- and post-disaster recovery planning activities, implement a business continuity and non-profit organization continuity training program and support community outreach and engagement related aspects of the emergency operations plan update process using the “meta-leadership” framework as a foundation.

2) Authorize the Chairman to execute any grant application related documents necessary to apply for the above grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: N/A

Background: With Baldwin County’s population continuing to grow at an unprecedented rate and a large tourist/seasonal population who are harder to reach through traditional means, it is critical for Baldwin County to lead the state and the nation on how engagement with the community should be done to increase our mitigation against natural hazards; biological hazards and man-made hazards through emergency planning and preparedness efforts that reduce risks to public safety while improving business and community/non-profit continuity.

More information related to this grant can be found here: <https://nsfcivicinnovation.org/>

Grant application is not included due to the competitive nature of this grant. If this grant is awarded staff will bring the item back to the Commission for further action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: No matching funds required from County.

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding? If granted, all funds will be awarded to National Preparedness Leadership Initiative (Harvard University) NPLI who in turn will support the Baldwin County EMA. There is no match required from the Baldwin County Commission.

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: Administration

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):
Email Commission approval letter to: Eric McNulty, Associate Director for the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, emcnulty@hsph.harvard.edu

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All other follow up by Zach Hood and Sherry-Lea Bloodworth-Botop

Additional instructions/notes: N/A