



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Council Session

Item G24

**#2006-120 - Approving Memorandum of Understanding with
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency for Homeland Security
Grant Funding**

Staff Contact: Lela Lowry

Council Agenda Memo

From: Lela L. Lowry, Emergency Management/911 Director
Meeting: April 11, 2006
Subject: Memorandum of Understanding
Item #'s: G-24
Presenter(s): Lela L. Lowry, EM/911 Director

Background

Each County in Nebraska has the opportunity to receive Homeland Security Grants to help support planning, training and exercises to prepare responders and volunteers to effectively respond to any type of emergency or disaster which may present itself. It is understood that NEMA will provide instructors for the training with homeland security money that has been funded to their department. In cooperation with state wide training process, portions of the money that is awarded to Hall County is asked to be used to support training in Hall County. If the training is multiple days with extended classroom hours, overnight housing may be needed. This agreement states that with the Homeland Security money that Hall County receives from the Federal Government, rooms and meals will be paid for with the understanding of full reimbursement by NEMA with Homeland Security Grant Money. This memorandum of understanding will establish terms by which Nebraska expends Homeland Security Grant Funding on behalf of Local Government, provided that Local Government and Nebraska enter into an agreement on the matter.

Discussion

The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms by which NEMA shall deliver training and exercise support in Hall County utilizing State Homeland Security Grant funds. Homeland Security Grant Money received by Hall County will also be used to support further training for the city and the county.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council move to approve this memorandum of understanding between NEMA and Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Management/911 Center.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between NEMA and Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Management/911 Center.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA/NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, HALL COUNTY
NEBRASKA.
REGARDING STATE USE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING REGARDING LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

1. PARTIES. The parties to this Agreement are the State of Nebraska/Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and the Local Government, Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Agency, Hall County, Nebraska.
2. AUTHORITY. This Agreement is authorized under the provisions of the United States Department of Homeland Security issued grant number 2005-GE-T5-0020.
3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth terms by which Nebraska shall expend Homeland Security Grant Funding on behalf of Local Government. On April 1, 2004, the United States Department of Homeland Security issued grant number 2004-GE-T4-0048 to Nebraska. Under this grant, Nebraska must allocate grant funding to Local Government. Under this grant, Local Government may authorize Nebraska to utilize funds on behalf of Local Government, provided that Local Government and Nebraska enter into an Agreement on the matter.
 - a. The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms by which NEMA shall deliver training and exercise support in Hall County, Nebraska, utilizing State Homeland Security Grant funds allocated to Hall County Nebraska.
4. RESPONSIBILITIES.
 - a. State
 - i. NEMA will provide course management, instructors, equipment, and instructor transportation as needed. Estimated cost to be \$15,000.00
 - ii. Grand Island/Hall County EMA will provide the facility for classrooms, lodging for participants and instructors, all printed materials, supplies, breaks and appropriate meals.
5. POINTS OF CONTACT.
 - a. NEMA: Henry Tamasi, 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE
402-471-7349

b. GRAND ISLAND/HALL COUNTY EMA: Lela Lowry, PO Box 1968,
Grand Island, NE 68802, 308-385-5372.

6. OTHER PROVISIONS. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to conflict with current laws or regulations of Nebraska or Local Government. If a term of this agreement is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The terms of this agreement will become effective on February 1, 2006.
8. MODIFICATION. This agreement may be modified upon the mutual written consent of the parties.
9. TERMINATION. The terms of this agreement, as modified with the consent of both parties will remain in effect until March 31, 2007. Either party upon 10 days written notice of the other party may terminate this agreement.

APPROVED BY:

February 13, 2006

February 13, 2006

RESOLUTION 2006-120

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2004, the United States Department of Homeland Security authorized grant funding to the state of Nebraska pursuant to Grant No. 2004-GE-T4-0048; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that such grant funding in the estimated amount of \$15,000 be used for personnel from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to deliver training and exercise support in Hall County; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared between the State of Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and the Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Management Center to further address the use of such grant funding and the responsibilities of the parties; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's office has reviewed and approved the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Memorandum of Understanding / Agreement between the State of Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and the Grand Island / Hall County Emergency Management Center for the use of Homeland Security grant funding is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 11, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
April 6, 2006	☐ City Attorney