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To: Rowan County Board of Commissioners

From: TJ Brown, Deputy Chief 

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Re: Emergency Management Preparedness Grants Applications

Background:

Rowan County has used preparedness grants for several years to maintain and improve emergency preparedness goals. North Carolina Emergency Management has consolidated the process for grants applications. Applications for the Emergency Management Performance, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security Program, North Carolina Tier II (competitive), and North Carolina Tier II (non-competitive) grants are now accomplished using a single form and submitted simultaneously.

Objective:

Rowan County Emergency Services seeks authorization to apply for the Emergency Management Preparedness grants summarized below:

1. Emergency Management Performance Grant
 - a. Amount: Variable depending on State award
 - b. Purpose: Rowan County uses these funds to partially fund the Emergency Manager salary and to accomplish several preparedness plans and projects. The purpose of the EMPG is to provide federal funds to states to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards events, as authorized by Section 662 of the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act. EMPG funding is used to support a whole community approach to strengthen a state or community's emergency management program.

We respectfully request the Board allow Emergency Services to apply for the above listed grant and for County Staff to execute the grant documents.