

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CEO-Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-4

Urgent  Routine  *G. HINSHAW*

AGENDA DATE July 1, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
*Ant*  
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Submit Application for the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Chief Executive Office - Office of Emergency Services to Apply for the Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant is a federal grant through the Department of Transportation that provides assistance to the public sector employees through training and planning grants. Stanislaus County is eligible for \$20,000 in funds for hazardous materials planning. A twenty percent match is required. This requirement can be met from the Board-approved budget for the Office of Emergency Services, Department of Environmental Resources and Sheriff's Department in the form of in-kind salary matches.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-503

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini  
and approved by the following vote,  
Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield  
Noes: Supervisors: None  
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None  
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1)  Approved as recommended
- 2)  Denied
- 3)  Approved as amended
- 4)  Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

This item is submitted to the Board of Supervisors to receive approval to apply for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant.

The HMEP grant is administered by the Department of Transportation. The purpose of the grant is to increase effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents. The grant also encourages a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. HMEP is a performance-based grant that builds on and supports the accomplishments of long-term goals and objectives. The HMEP grants are administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and awarded through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

With the construction of an ethanol manufacturing facility near Keyes, Stanislaus County has identified the need for an all-hazard emergency response plan specific to ethanol. Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (OES) has contacted State and Federal partners looking for a planning template that would address this need and been unsuccessful. Therefore, OES will use the funding from this grant to coordinate the development of a response plan through the use of an expert in the areas of emergency management, fire response and hazardous materials (hazmat) response. Key components of the plan will include the incorporation of the following areas relevant to an ethanol hazard: hazmat, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, technical rescue (confined space and high angle / low angle rescue), emergency notification, evacuation, dust explosions and terrorism issues. The plan will be compliant with National Incident Management System, Standardized Emergency Management System and Incident Command System requirements.

The total cost for the contract will not exceed \$20,000. Staff from OES, the Sheriff's Department and Department of Environmental Resources will participate in developing the plan specific to their areas of expertise. The staff time expended will be used to meet the 20% match requirement for this grant.

Once Stanislaus County's application is approved, an agenda item requesting approval to accept the award will be submitted to the Board.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

This grant is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priorities of a safe community, effective partnerships and a well-planned infrastructure system. The plan resulting from the HMEP grant will enhance Stanislaus County's ability to respond to an ethanol related incident, thereby protecting our first responders and our citizens.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Existing staff will administer the grant, and OES will contract with an expert in the field of emergency management, hazmat and fire to develop the response plan.