



# Gaston County

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## Emergency Management Board Action

File #: 21-140

Commissioner Brown - Emergency Management - To Accept and Appropriate a NC Tier II Noncompetitive Grant FY2020 for LEPC Support in the Amount of \$1,000

### STAFF CONTACT

Kevin Gordon - Emergency Management - 704-862-6240

### BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate State grant revenues and to increase revenue expenses by \$1,000. No additional County funds.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Increase revenue by \$1,000 and appropriate \$1,000 into expense account. Minimal impact to current budget.

### BACKGROUND

Emergency Management has been awarded a NC Tier II Noncompetitive Grant FY20 (\$1,000) by North Carolina Department of Public Safety. These funds are provided by the State of North Carolina to provide support for Gaston County Emergency Management's Local Emergency Planning Committee (SARA). No additional appropriation of County funds is required.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR); NCDPS Grant Notification

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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2021-117	04/27/2021	CB	BH	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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## GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4330 Emergency Management  
Dept. # Department Name

Kevin Gordon 3/19/21  
Department Director's Name Date

### TYPE OF REQUEST:

☐ Line Item Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Line Item Transfer Between Funds \*

☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds \*

☐ Line Item Transfer Between Departments \*

\* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
	Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project	Whole Dollars Only
	xxx - xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxxx - xxxxxx	(See Note Below)
FY20 Tier II Non-competitive Grant	010-02-4330-0000-560000-21598	1,000.00
FY20 Tier II Non-competitive Grant	010-02-4330-0000-425109-21598	(1,000.00)

### JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Emergency Management has been awarded a NC Tier II Noncompetitive Grant FY20 (\$1,000) by North Carolina Department of Public Safety. These funds are provided by the State of North Carolina to provide support for Gaston County Emergency Management's Local Emergency Planning Committee. No additional appropriation of County funds is required.

Note: Decreases in expenditures & increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures & decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require interfund transfer accounts.



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Emergency Management

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### NC Tier II Grant Fiscal Year 2020

Grant#: T2-2020

#### SUBAWARD NOTIFICATION

Kevin Gordon  
Gaston County  
615 N. Highland Street  
Gastonia, NC 28052-2179

**Period of Performance:** January 1, 2020 to February 26, 2021  
**Project Title:** LEPC Support  
**Total Amount of Award:** \$1,000.00  
**MOA #:** 2070051

North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) is pleased to inform you that the federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 NC Tier II Grant has been approved for funding. In accordance with the provisions of FY 2020 NC Tier II Noncompetitive award, NCEM hereby awards to the foregoing subrecipient a grant in the amount shown above.

**Payment of funds:** The grant shall be effective upon final approval by NCEM of the grant budget and program narrative and the execution of the forthcoming Memorandum of Agreement. Grant funds will be disbursed (according to the approved project budget) upon receipt of evidence that funds have been invoiced and products received and/or that funds have been expended (i.e., invoices, contracts, itemized expenses, etc.).

**Conditions:** The subrecipient shall understand and agree that funds will only be expended for those projects outlined in the funding amounts as individually listed above. Subrecipient shall also certify the understanding and agreement to comply with the general and fiscal terms and conditions of the grant including special conditions; to comply with provisions of the 2 CFR 200 and all applicable laws governing these funds and all other federal, state and local laws; that all information is correct; that there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies; that subrecipient is duly authorized to commit the applicant to these requirements; that costs incurred prior to grant application approval will result in the expenses being absorbed by the subrecipient; and that all agencies involved with this project understand that federal funds are limited to the period of performance. Subrecipient must read and sign forthcoming Memorandum of Agreement for acceptance of the award.

**For projects involving construction or the installation of equipment:**

Prior to funds being expended from this award the subrecipient must complete and submit an Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation form to NCEM for approval. On receipt of the approval letter from NCEM the subrecipient may begin to expend grant funds.

**Supplanting:** The subrecipients confirm that sub-grant funds will not be used to supplant or replace local or state funds or other resources that would otherwise have been available for homeland security activities. In compliance with that mandate, the subrecipient will certify that the receipt of federal funds through NCEM shall in no way supplant or replace state or local funds or other resources that would have been made available for homeland security activities.

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GRANT AWARD NOTICE: THIS AWARD IS SUBJECT TO THE GRANT SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET AND NARRATIVE



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### NC Tier II Noncompetitive Grant Fiscal Year 2020

### Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

between

**Grantor:**

State of North Carolina  
Department of Public Safety  
Emergency Management

**MOA #:** 2070051

**DPS fund code:** 1506-8064

**Recipient:**

Gaston County  
Tax ID/EIN #:  
Duns #:

**Award amount:** \$1,000.00

**Period of performance:** January 1, 2020 to February 26, 2021

1. **Purpose**

This grant award supports the hazardous material preparedness activities of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) as defined in the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). These funds are to be used by your county's or region's LEPC for hazardous materials emergency response planning, training, and related exercises. See Attachment 1: Allowable Expenditures.

2. **Authority**

In accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. §166A-29.1, North Carolina Emergency Management hereby awards to the foregoing Recipient a grant in the amount shown above.

3. **Compensation**

The Grantor agrees that it will pay the Recipient complete and total compensation for the services to be rendered by the Recipient. Payment to the Recipient for expenditures under this Agreement will be reimbursed after the Recipient's cost report, detailed invoices, and proof of payment are submitted and approved for eligible expenses. These documents must be submitted no later than March 31, 2021. The original signed copy of this MOA must be signed by the Official(s) authorized to sign below and returned to North Carolina Emergency Management no later than 45 days after the award date. The grant shall be effective upon return of the executed Memorandum of Agreement and final approval by North Carolina Emergency Management of the grant budget.

4. **Conditions**

The funds awarded under this grant must only be used by your county's or region's LEPC for the purposes of hazardous materials emergency response planning, training and exercises, as mandated in N.C.G.S. § 166A-29.1. Furthermore, the use of these funds must meet one or more of the follow criteria:

- A. Support costs incurred facilitating LEPC meetings (e.g. printing, general office supplies, food and non-alcoholic beverages)
- B. Support regional LEPC meetings and collaboration
- C. Enhance LEPC outreach efforts or produce promotional materials
- D. Host or support local and regional LEPC conferences

- E. Create or update hazardous material emergency response plans
- F. Support local or regional hazardous materials response exercises
- G. Support purchases of equipment necessary to support the LEPC and its mission

**Purchases of equipment must be pre-approved in writing by the NCEM Hazardous Materials Group**

- H. Under no circumstances are the following items eligible for funding under this grant:

- Salaries or benefits for any employee
- Drone aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicles
- Support for programs not focused on hazardous materials preparedness

**5. Regulation**

The funds awarded under this grant must be used in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws to include compliance with N.C.G.S. §§ 143C-6-22, 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M. By accepting this payment, the Recipient agrees to use these funds in a manner consistent with state laws and regulations.

**6. Taxes**

Recipient shall be responsible for all taxes.

**7. Warranty**

As an independent recipient, the Recipient will hold the Grantor harmless for any liability and personal injury that may occur from or in connection with the performance of this Agreement to the extent permitted by the North Carolina Tort Claims Act. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer on any other person any rights or remedies in or by reason of this Agreement. This Agreement does not give any person or entity other than the parties hereto any legal or equitable claim, right or remedy. This Agreement is intended for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto. This Agreement is not made for the benefit of any third person or persons. No third party may enforce any part of this Agreement or shall have any rights hereunder. This Agreement does not create, and shall not be construed as creating, any rights enforceable by any person not a party to this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State of North Carolina. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to conflict with current laws or regulations of the State of North Carolina, Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Emergency Management, or the Recipient. 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.

**8. Points of contact**

To provide consistent and effective communication between the Grantor and Recipient, each party shall appoint a Principal Representative(s) to serve as its central point of contact responsible for coordinating and implementing this MOA. The Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Emergency Management contact shall be Assistant State Hazardous Materials Manager, Grants Management Branch staff, and NCEM Field Branch staff. The Recipient's point of contact shall be the person designated by the Recipient.

**9. Public record access**

This agreement may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Act, Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

**10. Situs**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of North Carolina and any claim for breach or enforcement shall be filed in State Court in Wake County, North Carolina.

**11. Antitrust laws**

This Agreement is entered into in compliance with all State and Federal antitrust laws.

**12. Other provisions/severability**

Nothing in this Agreement is intended to conflict with current laws or regulations of the State of North Carolina, Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Emergency Management, or the Recipient. 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.

**13. Compliance**

Recipient shall be wholly responsible for the purchases to be made under this MOA and for the supervision of its employees and assistants. Recipient shall be responsible for compliance with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, licensing requirements and other regulatory matters that are applicable to the conduct of its business and purchase requirements performed under this MOA.

**14. Entire agreement**

This agreement and any annexes, exhibits and amendments annexed hereto and any documents incorporated specifically by reference represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior oral and written statements or agreements.

**15. Modification**

This agreement may be amended only by written amendments duly executed by the Grantor and the Recipient.

**16. Termination**

The terms of this agreement, as modified with the consent of all parties, will remain in effect until February 26, 2021. Either party upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party may terminate this agreement. Upon approval by NCEM Hazardous Materials Group and the issuance of the Grant Adjustment Notice, if this MOA is extended, the termination date for the extension will be the date listed in the applicable Grant Adjustment Notice. Failure to provide applicable cost reports, proof of payment and/or a deobligation request letter by March 31, 2021 will result in an automatic deobligation of grant funds.

**17. Execution and effective date**

This grant shall become effective upon return of this original Memorandum of Agreement, properly executed on behalf of the Recipient, to North Carolina Emergency Management and will become binding upon execution of all parties to the Agreement. The terms of this Agreement will become effective January 1, 2020. The last signature shall be that of Erik A. Hooks, Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety.

**18. Certification of eligibility - Under the Iran Divestment Act**

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §147-86.59, any person identified as engaging in investment activities in Iran, determined by appearing on the Final Divestment List created by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 147-86.58, is ineligible to contract with the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State. The Iran Divestment Act of 2015, N.C.G.S. § 147-86.55 et seq.\* requires that each vendor, prior to contracting with the State certifies, and the undersigned on behalf of the Vendor does hereby certify, to the following:

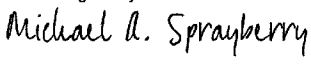
- A. That the vendor is not identified on the Final Divestment List of entities that the State Treasurer has determined engages in investment activities in Iran
- B. That the vendor shall not utilize on any contract with the State agency any subcontractor that is identified on the Final Divestment List
- C. That the undersigned is authorized by the Vendor to make this Certification

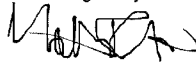
The State Treasurer's Final Divestment List can be found on the State Treasurer's website at the address: <https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department/OpenGovernment/Pages/Iran-divestment-Act-resources.aspx> and will be updated every 180 days. For questions about the Department of State Treasurer's Iran Divestment Policy, direct questions to (919) 814-3852.

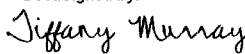
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have each executed this Agreement and the parties agree that this Agreement will be effective as of January 1, 2020.**

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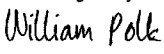
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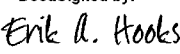
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General Counsel, to fulfill the purposes of the  
North Carolina Tier II Grant Program**

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**THIS MOA WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE 2020 TIER II GRANT PROGRAM ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO EXECUTION BY ERIK A. HOOKS, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS MOU/MOA SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR OTHER MOUs/MOAs EXCEPT FOR THE TIER II GRANT.**



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### FY2020 Tier II Grants: Allowable Expenditures

Tier II grants that are awarded may provide Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) the funding options to expand the scope of their hazardous materials emergency preparedness programs. Expansion through response planning, training and related exercises are allowed, and may include fixed facility planning. LEPC(s) that applied for competitive and/or noncompetitive Tier II grants and that were selected/approved for an award were each awarded grant funds from the hazardous materials facility fees collected during the Tier II reporting period. The grant funds are to be used for hazardous materials emergency response planning, training and related exercises, with some conditions and limitations.

The funds awarded under this grant are only allowed for use by your county LEPC or regional LEPC and must fall under one or more of the following categories:

- Supporting costs incurred facilitating LEPC meetings (e.g. printing, general office supplies, food and non-alcoholic beverages)
- Supporting regional LEPC meetings and collaboration
- Enhancing LEPC outreach efforts or produce promotional materials
- Hosting or supporting local and regional LEPC conferences
- Creating or updating hazardous material emergency response plans
- Supporting local or regional hazardous materials response exercises
- Supporting purchases of equipment necessary to support the LEPC
- Supporting hazardous material risk assessments currently being conducted by North Carolina Emergency Management
- Subscription- HazMat related website, (e.g. MSDS online, Chemtrac) for approved list of eligible subscriptions contact NCEM Hazmat prior to purchase of subscription at [hazmat@ncdps.gov](mailto:hazmat@ncdps.gov)

### **All equipment purchases must have prior written approval.**

Allowable expenditures are in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. §166A-29.1.

Tier II grants may not be used for salaries or benefits for any employee, drone aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicles, items intended as gifts, or support for programs not focused on hazardous materials preparedness.

LEPCs have until December 31, 2020 to spend these funds. All requests for reimbursement must include a cost report, invoices, proof of payment, and an AAR and/or revised plans if applicable to their approved project. Reimbursement requests must be submitted to NCEM no later than January 31, 2021. For questions regarding the grant contact the NCEM Grants Branch at [NCEMgrants1@ncdps.gov](mailto:NCEMgrants1@ncdps.gov)

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