

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Supporting an Application for a Homeland Security Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for McHenry County (34)

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County has been designated an emergency planning district per Title 29 620.40 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know; and

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County Emergency Management Agency has been designated the agency responsible for carrying out the functions of the Local Emergency Planning Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation has made grant funding available through the State of Illinois Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grants Program; and

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County EMA has been challenged to complete all the requirements of the Illinois administrative code with current resources; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds can be utilized for salaries, equipment and supplies in conducting hazardous materials training exercises, commodity flow studies, maintaining current information; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost share of 25% is required, however volunteer hours, use of services and property and indirect costs can be utilized for the cost share; and

**WHEREAS**, EMA is anticipating a grant allocation of \$50,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes the McHenry County EMA to apply for the FY2025 Illinois Emergency Management HMEP Grants Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of EMA and County Administrator.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 18 day of February, A.D., 2025.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution Supporting an Application for a Homeland Security Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for McHenry County (34)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

For consideration is a resolution supporting an application for FY2025 Illinois Emergency Management Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program

**Background and Discussion:**

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), enacted in 1986 as part of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III), is a U.S. federal law designed to help communities plan for chemical emergencies. The act focuses on improving public knowledge and access to information about hazardous chemicals in their area and fostering collaboration between businesses, emergency responders, and the public.

McHenry County EMA has been designated the coordinator of the Local Emergency Planning Committee by the State of Illinois.

Within the act, the following areas are carried out by the EMA:

Emergency Planning (Sections 301–303): Requires communities to establish emergency response plans for chemical accidents, coordinated through Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs).

Emergency Release Notification (Section 304): Mandates immediate reporting of accidental chemical releases above certain thresholds.

Hazardous Chemical Storage Reporting (Sections 311–312): Requires facilities to provide Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) and submit Tier I or Tier II inventory forms annually for hazardous chemicals.

This grant will assist EMA in carrying out these and other mandated duties.

**Impact on Human Resources:**

None.

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):**

The impact would be to offset costs of EMA that are currently expended from the general fund.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:**

None.

**Impact on Physical Space:**

None.

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:**

None.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:**

Conforms to purchasing ordinances and policies and County's Strategic Plan