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Accepting Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant

The Department of Emergency Management has applied for and received approval for a hazard mitigation planning grant in the amount of \$29,555 under the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The funds will be used to support the update of the county's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide 75% of the project funding, or \$25,333; Wisconsin Emergency Management will provide 12.5% of the funding or \$4,222; and the county's local match is 12.5% or \$4,222. The county's local match will be made through in-kind contribution of staff time in the Department of Emergency Management. The grant period is from January 13, 2015 through January 12, 2018.

Dane County is subject to numerous natural hazards such as winter storms, tornadoes, and flooding. The problems resulting from these events range from nuisance occurrences to major damages impacting public facilities and private property owners. In the past 25 years, Dane County has experienced major disaster declarations on eleven separate occurrences. The resulting losses from these events can be measured in the 10's of millions of dollars.

A natural hazard mitigation plan identifies initiatives and projects that can eliminate or reduce damages caused by natural hazards. FEMA approval of the updated natural hazard mitigation plan will also qualify the county to remain eligible for pre-disaster mitigation project funds from the federal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$29,555 be set up as additional revenue in a newly created Emergency Management, Emergency Planning Division revenue account named Hazard Mitigation Planning Assistance, and be credited to the general fund. Account number to be issued by the Controller's Division upon passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$29,555 be transferred from the general fund to a newly created Emergency Management, Emergency Planning Division, expenditure account named Hazard Mitigation Planning. Account number to be issued by the Controller's Division upon passage of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all unexpended funds and unrecognized revenues from these accounts be carried forward from the 2015 to the 2016 budget period.