

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: October 16th, 2019

SUBJECT: NCEM Homeland Security Grant Project, TERMS Upgrade

PRESENTER: Jimmy Brissie, Emergency Services Director

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) manages our Statewide Training, Exercise and Response Management System (TERMS). Last year the State introduced a new component which allows us to manage our database of responders in the system. We are currently using this module to manage some of our specialty teams and the hope is the system's capabilities will grow to allow us to discontinue some of the County's commercial subscription products. Our local EM staff has been included in the development as well as the testing and evaluation of these new State systems.

The State has allocated \$130,440 in Homeland Security Grant Funding for the expansion of this software module and associated system improvements this year, but a County is needed to sponsor the project. Due to our close working relationship in the development of this module it was requested that Henderson County sponsor the project. This would be a State managed "turn-back" project grant. No additional work would be required on our part above our current level of involvement, and no funds would be received or expended by the County. Henderson County has sponsored similar projects in the past in the region and across the State which have a benefit to the County and all similar agencies.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the sponsorship of a TERMS Upgrade grant application and subsequent Grant Memorandum of Understanding.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the Emergency Management Department to apply for the State Managed Homeland Security Grant for the Terms Upgrade Project and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents for the grant application and Memorandum of Understanding.