



**AGENDA ITEM: 11.3**

**AGENDA DATE: June 09, 2023**

**TO: Chairman and Members of the Board**

**THRU: Michael A Kaigler, County Manager**

**FROM: Tara Jennings, Strategic Planning Administrator**

**Dennis Jones, Director, CEMA**

*Michael A. Kaigler*

*Tara Jennings*

*Dennis Jones*

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval of a Resolution confirming match funds and authorizing submittal of a grant application to US Department of Defense for the proposed public safety building in the amount of \$20,000,000 (NOTE: A \$6,000,000 match is required.)

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Defense is soliciting applications under the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) to assist state and local governments to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation. Chatham County applied in 2022 but was not successful. Since then, the staff have worked with the Department of Defense, inclusive of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, to clarify the roles and expectations ensuring a more complete proposal in 2023.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County faces a variety of natural threats and hazards as well as the potential for man-made disasters. These threats have the probability of producing hardships for Chatham's 301,000 citizens.
2. Daily activities of the County E-911 dispatch operations and the County Emergency Operations Center are housed in a facility that is too small for the intended operations and too vulnerable to significant weather events.
3. The DCIP program funds community infrastructure projects that are located off military installations, support military installations, and are owned by state or local governments.
4. Projects should support efforts towards minimizing potential interruptions to the installation mission, including emergency resilience and other efforts to better sustain the installation mission.
5. All proposed projects must be construction-ready with the ability to commence (turn dirt) within 12 months of award and project must be completed no later than five (5) years following the obligation.
6. Eligible community infrastructure projects include only hard construction cost, including reasonable allowance for contingencies and capital equipment affixed to the real property with depreciable life of not less than seven years.
7. Recognizing the need for an improved facility, the County has set aside \$53 million through SPLOST and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and commits these funds as the required match for the grant application.
8. Of the \$53 million commitment, Chatham County has already invested \$1.1 million in architectural design and engineering fees.

- 9. Since the original concept in 2016, the project cost now exceeds \$95,000,000. Chatham team members have been exploring alternative funding sources, and options to value engineer the project to allow for alternatives that can be funded at a later date.
- 10. Staff recommend submittal of the application to support the construction of the 83,000 square foot multi-agency Public Safety Facility slated near the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

**BLUEPRINT ALIGNMENT:**

Ensuring Public Safety and diversifying funding opportunities to support a community need.

**FUNDING:**

Funds available (in SPLOST and CIP) as of as of 05/25/2023 total \$51,965,571.

3226036 -	\$12,390,094
3246036 -	\$ 571,698
3256036 -	\$29,003,779
<u>3502214 -</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
Total -	\$51,965,571

Grant requires 30% match of the award. The match would not exceed \$6,000,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Confirm the resolution, acknowledging the match funds and authorize staff to submit application to US Department of Defense in the amount of \$20,000,000. (NOTE: A \$6,000,000 match is required.)
- 2. Provide staff with other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is consistent with the Board’s direction to diversify funding streams and provide superior stewardship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Alternative 1.

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A RESOLUTION TO DOCUMENT MONETARY CONTRIBUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE – DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCURE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the County of Chatham, Georgia is the Board of Commissioners (“County”); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense aids state and local governments to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of military installation,

WHEREAS, the County desires to support our military and first responders by ensuring continuity of operations for government services and minimizing potential interruptions; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County faces a variety of natural threats and hazards as well as the potential for man-made disasters. These threats have the probability of producing hardships for Chatham's 291,012 citizens by threatening their homes and families: and

WHEREAS, Daily activities of the County E-911 dispatch operations and the County Emergency Operations Center are housed in a facility that is too small for the intended operations and too vulnerable to significant threats; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the need for an improved facility, the County has set aside \$53 million through SPLOST and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and commits these funds as match for the grant application, and

WHEREAS, the proposed 83,000 square foot County Multi-Agency Public Safety Building is designed to provide an expanded and more secure facility that is ready for construction once funds are secure; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will benefit the health, safety and welfare of residents in the County

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: the County hereby confirms non-federal cash to support the Public Safety Building and therefore authorizes submittal of the application to Department of Defense.

So Resolved, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

County of Chatham, Georgia

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Chester Ellis, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice E. Bocoook, Clerk of Commission  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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