



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000055 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant from the State of North Carolina Department of Public Safety and recognizing \$948.09 in additional revenue and reducing General Fund-Fund Balance by \$948.09.

### **Background/Justification**

The Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986, also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), was enacted by Congress to help local communities prepare for and respond to chemical emergencies. EPCRA requires facilities to report chemical storage and release information and instructs communities to develop emergency response plans.

The Durham County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is identified as an active LEPC in North Carolina and has a vital role in coordinating information on chemical storage, emergency planning, and chemical spill response. Coordination is accomplished through effective partnerships between Durham Emergency Management Division staff, emergency responders, and business and industry that use and store hazardous substances.

The LEPC Grant in the amount of \$948.09 reimburses the County for actual expenses incurred while conducting LEPC meetings and related activities that included printing of training materials, informational brochures, and food/beverages for quarterly LEPC meetings.

### **Policy Impact**

The LEPC Grant is a federally funded program that is passed through the State of North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM). NCEM provides up to \$1,000 annually to active LEPCs across the state to support their planning and preparedness activities. Receiving this reimbursement grant is in-line with current County policy.

### **Procurement Background**

Initial funding for the LEPC related activities was provided by the Emergency Management Division's budget process. This grant reimburses the County for expenses incurred.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This grant is reimbursement for expenditures that the County already spent. To recognize this additional revenue in the General Fund, in order to maintain a balanced budget, the annual Fund Balance appropriation (as a revenue source) is being reduced by the same amount.

### **Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000055 approving the 2018 LEPC Grant, and recognizing \$948.09 in additional revenue, as well as reducing General Fund-Fund Balance appropriation by \$948.09.