



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#18-1038**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** October 23, 2018

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Acceptance of Equipment from the Hazardous  
Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant Program in the amount of  
\$5,200

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the Fire Chief to accept equipment from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and to execute any documents required to accept grant equipment between the South Florida Local Emergency Committee and South Florida Regional Planning Council and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**Background**

Since 1988, the Council has served as staff to the South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (SoFlaLEPC), which encompasses Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. The LEPC was established as required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Title III of the EPA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). Congress enacted EPCRA in an effort to help local communities protect public health and safety and the environment from chemical hazards.

The LEPC, as established pursuant to Section 301 of Title III, shall:

- Prepare regional hazardous materials emergency plans that indicate the facilities that use, produce, or store hazardous substances that are present in the jurisdiction
- Serve as the repository for regional reports files under Title III
- Direct regional Title III implementation activities
- Perform associated outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of and compliance with the Title III Program

The LEPC will also utilize United States Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant funds to conduct low cost or no cost hazardous material response training for public sector employees.

In Accordance with the FY17/18 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant Funds, the City of Fort Lauderdale was added to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which identifies the distribution of equipment by the South Florida Local Emergency Committee and South Florida Regional Planning Committee which specifies maintenance and inventory responsibilities in accordance with HMEP grant policies.

The City of Fort Lauderdale will accept the following item:

One (1) 7 x 14 Tandem Axle Enclosed Cargo trailer @ \$5,200

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included within the **Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

**Goal 10:** Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.

**Objective 1:** Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive Emergency Management.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum of Understanding from November 2016

Exhibit 2 – Memorandum of Understanding Trailer Amendment – 2018

Exhibit 3 - Quote

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