

Maine
Cumberland **County**

POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

TO:	Cumberland County Commissioners
FROM:	James H. Gailey, County Manager
DATE:	January 20, 2026
SUBJECT:	Emergency Management Performance Grant Award FY2025

Requested Action:

Acceptance of the FY25 Emergency Management Performance Grant award.

Background & Purpose of Request:

CCEMA has been awarded \$320,218.66 in FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant funding. The purpose of this award is to improve and sustain Emergency Management capability across the nation. Funds are used primarily to support the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency through staffing and programs.

Cumberland County is required to match these funds. This match has historically been done through the County's EMA budget process. No funding above and beyond that budgeting process is being requested. This funding represents approximately 45% of the operational budget for EMA.

The County application for these funds lists three programmatic goals for the funding in line with CCEMA's Mission and Strategic Plan. These are:

- Improving the Community's Ability to Recover from Disaster. This is done by increasing opportunities for post-disaster resources, and reducing barriers to these resources for marginalized populations.
- Building the County's ability to Respond to Large Disasters. This is done through staffing, training and maintaining deployable assets and special teams as well as the County Emergency Operations Center.
- Increase Preparedness within the County. CCEMA maintains staff dedicated to emergency planning as well as training and exercising for disasters. This funding sustains these efforts. For this grant cycle, the focus will be on Recovery Planning and Hazard Mitigation. A continued focus on whole-community training/exercises will strengthen the coordinated response to a disaster.

Funding Amount and Source:

Cumberland County has been awarded \$320,218.66 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Cumberland County is a subrecipient of these funds through the Maine Emergency Management Agency who is the recipient.

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Effective Date:

This award begins 10/1/2025 and ends on 09/30/2026.

Attachments:

MEMA EMPG Subrecipient Grant Award Contract

MEMA's Contract with FEMA

Information Bulletin Amending Awards