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Cumberland **County**

POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

<b>TO:</b>	Cumberland County Commissioners
<b>FROM:</b>	Michael Durkin, Director-Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
<b>DATE:</b>	12/23/2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Emergency Management Performance Grant Award FY2025

**Requested Action:**

CCEMA requests that the Commissioners accept the FY25-26 LEPC Grant award.

**Background & Purpose of Request:**

CCEMA has been awarded \$75,323.38 in FY25 LEPC Grant funding. The purpose of this award is to support Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness through Planning and Training through the Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). These Funds are split into two pieces: \$33,183.52 which partially covers the cost of County Staff to coordinate the LEPC and \$42,139.86 which forms the Cumberland County LEPC's training budget. These training funds are used to maintain the skills of local first responders relating to hazardous materials incidents.

The goal of the grant is that people trained using these funds will have the ability to protect nearby persons, property, and the environment from the effects of accidents or incidents involving hazardous materials. In addition, this grant funds a position which maintains the County's Hazardous Materials Plan.

Cumberland County is not required to match these funds, although part of the CCEMA FY25 budget augments this grant and makes the LEPC staffing a full-time position. The rest of this position's duties are general EMA support and not specifically related to the LEPC.

**Funding Amount and Source:**

Cumberland County has been awarded \$75,323.38 which will be funded by State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) funds and/or Federal Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant funds.

This funding originates from the United States Department of Transportation: US Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Cumberland County is a subrecipient of these funds through the Maine Emergency Management Agency who is the recipient.

**Effective Date:**

This award begins 10/1/2025 and ends on 09/30/2026. This delay in receiving this award is due to changes and a lengthy shutdown at the Federal level.

**Attachments:** MEMA Subrecipient Grant Award Contract (39 pages)