



## Legislation Text

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### Florida Strategy Subgrant for Hazardous Materials Tow Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance (B)

The FY 04 State Homeland Security Grant Program has provided the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Emergency Management with grant funding administered through the Department of Financial Services and the Division of State Fire Marshal by way of Subgrant Agreements. The agreement is entered into as an addendum to the current statewide mutual aid agreement and is for the purpose of receiving specialized equipment and continued participation as a local and regional responder, or in the case of a declared emergency, a State of Florida Response Asset. The Gainesville Fire Rescue Department is prepared to participate in the State of Florida Terrorism Response System as one of Florida's 28 Hazmat/WMD Response Teams.

The City will be required to purchase and maintain equipment, goods and supplies for purposes specified under the program. The City shall replace and potentially be reimbursed through local, state, or federal reimbursement processes or agreements for all disposable goods and supplies expended for emergency response, training, or exercises conducted in accordance with the Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The City will not be responsible for replacing goods or equipment that has reached the end of its normal life expectancy, or exceeded its posted shelf life.

The Department will be required to: 1) provide hazardous materials team response with appropriate equipment and personnel to incidents in their jurisdiction and region for as long as the agreement remains in effect; 2) retain sufficient records demonstrating compliance with the terms of the agreement for five years from the date the audit report is issued; and 3) submit an annual report by January 31st for the previous calendar year to verify the participation in the required activities and training status of the team, as well as condition and/or depletion of the equipment.

The Department will be given preference for additional funding of equipment maintenance, replacement, or repair, as well as training and exercises. Parameters for additional funding have not been defined at this time. Without supplemental funding, it is expected the equipment may require funding for annual maintenance costs. These funds will be requested as a supplement to the department budget in future years beginning in FY2007.

Funding comes from the FY 04 State Homeland Security Federal Program grant. The agreement has an approximate value for the tow vehicle and maintenance of the monitoring equipment valued at \$79,950.91. The City is not required to match funding.

The City Commission: 1) adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs Florida Strategy subgrant funds for the State Homeland Security Grant Program; 2) authorize the City Manager to accept and execute the subgrant agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 3) authorize the City Manager to approve the required payments process for expending grant funds as needed.