

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Approval of grant

DATE: February 3, 2026

☒ **RECOMMENDATION**

☐ **POLICY DISCUSSION**

BUDGET INFORMATION:

☐ **STATUS REPORT**

ANNUAL- \$93,000

☐ **OTHER**

CAPITAL-

PRESENTED BY: Sheriff Robin Krockum

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: February 16, 2026

PURPOSE: To request Commission approval of GEMA Homeland Security K-9 and vehicle purchase

1. GEMA Grant 74

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: The Sheriff's Office is asking for commission approval of the GEMA Homeland Security Grant. This grant will purchase a new fully trained K-9 and vehicle to replace a retiring K-9 and vehicle and it will be 100% reimbursable to the Sheriffs Office. Vehicles through this program are replaced every 120,000 miles. The total cost of this grant is \$93,000, consisting of \$13,000 for K-9 and \$80,000 for fully equipped K-9 vehicle with all grant related equipment.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. Habersham County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval of GEMA Homeland Security Grant to purchase a new K-9 and vehicle.
 - b. The GEMA Homeland Security Grant is funded at 100% by reimbursement.
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OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve GEMA Homeland Security Grant
 - 2) Deny approval of GEMA Homeland Security Grant
 - 3) Commission defined alternative
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Move to approve GEMA Homeland Security Grant

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Director: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS: _____

County Manager

DATE: _____



**FISCAL YEAR 2023
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STATE OF
GEORGIA
GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND
HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY**

AND

Habersham County Sheriff's Office

GRANT NO: 74

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), approved the application and awarded grant funding from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) on behalf of the State of Georgia, in accordance with *The Homeland Security Act of 2002* (Public Law 107-296), as amended by section 101 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this grant is 97.067.

GEMA/HS will maintain overall responsibility and accountability to the federal government for the duration of the program. GEMA/HS, as Recipient, has awarded the amount of \$13,000.00 to Habersham County Sheriff's Office, as Subrecipient, in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), and/or Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).

Under this Agreement, GEMA/HS will execute the interests and responsibilities of the Recipient. The individual designated to represent the State is **James C. Stallings, Authorized Recipient Official**. The State has designated **Linda Criblez** as the **Program Manager** of this program. The Subrecipient's Authorized Official has the authority to legally bind the Subrecipient and will execute the interests and responsibilities of the Subrecipient. The Subrecipient's Authorized Official is the person whose name and signature appear on page twelve (12) of this agreement.

PURPOSE: The Subrecipient agrees to use allocated funds only as approved; to comply with the terms, conditions, and guidelines, as stated within this agreement; and to request reimbursement only for expenditures made in accordance with the Approved Budget Cost Lines. Any modification to the Budget must be requested in writing by the Subrecipient and must be approved by the Program Manager or other authorized representative prior to the execution of that modification.

PURCHASES, REIMBURSEMENT, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Purchasing:** Subrecipient must follow federal, state, and local procurement guidance and regulations as standards for purchasing or acquiring equipment and services. All spending or purchases must be made in accordance with the agreed spending plan as outlined on the Budget Cost Lines and all equipment purchases must be in accordance with the Department of Homeland Security Authorized Equipment List (DHS/AEL) located on the internet at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools/authorized-equipment-list>
- B. Payment Requests:** Payments to the Subrecipients will be made only upon presentation of the approved Payment Request. Reimbursements from invoices and applicable proof of payment (or other justifying documentation) will only be made for eligible equipment, materials, expenses, and costs upon approval of the Program Manager. Omission of pertinent documentation will constitute justification for non-payment of any amounts submitted on the Payment Request.
- C. State Purchases on behalf of Subrecipient:** GEMA/HS may, with the written consent of the Subrecipient, retain and expend grant funding on behalf of the Subrecipient. Before the State will make purchases on behalf of local jurisdictions, the Subrecipient must provide justification, receive approval from GEMA/HS and provide GEMA/HS with a Memorandum of Understanding authorizing GEMA/HS to expend these funds. If GEMA/HS does agree to retain and expend grant funding on behalf of the Subrecipient, the Subrecipient is required to submit documentation to verify receipt and acceptance of the goods or services on the Acknowledgment Form and provide any other documentation or information requested by GEMA/HS. If the Acknowledgment Form is not returned to GEMA/HS in a timely manner, the Subrecipient will be held accountable for payment to the vendor. The Subrecipient is still accountable for submitting the Quarterly Progress Reports in the EM Grants Manager System in a timely manner according to the guidelines in the section below.
- D. Quarterly Progress Report (PROGRESS REPORT):** The disposition of grant funds, including all obligations and expenditures, must be reported to GEMA/HS on a quarterly basis through the Progress Report module in the EM Grants Manager System, which is due within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter.
- E. The following reporting periods and due dates apply:**

• First Quarter	October 1 - December 31	Due January 31
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FAILURE TO HAVE A CURRENT PROGRESS REPORT ON FILE AT GEMA/HS WILL RESULT IN WITHHOLDING OF REIMBURSEMENT UNTIL THE PROGRESS REPORT IS RECEIVED.

- F. Biannual Strategy Implementation Reports (BSIR):** The Subrecipient shall complete and submit any other reports as requested by GEMA/HS and cooperate and assist GEMA/HS in complying with the DHS tracking and reporting requirements. Specifically, without limitation, Subrecipient shall submit information at the request of GEMA/HS to assist in the submission of the BSIR, and any other reports, as required.

MONITORING AND AUDITS: The Subrecipient shall permit persons duly authorized by GEMA/HS access to inspect and copy all records, books papers, documents, facilities, goods, and services related to this Agreement, and to interview clients, employees, and subcontractors of the Subrecipient concerning the performance of this Agreement. If the Subrecipient fails to provide access to such materials, GEMA/HS may terminate this Agreement.

LAWS, REGULATIONS, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, AND

PROGRAM GUIDANCE: The Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and financial and administrative requirements. A non-exclusive list of regulations is listed below. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sections may be accessed online at <http://www.ecfr.gov/>.

A. Administrative Requirements

2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments

2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations

B. Cost Principles

2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments

2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, Cost Principles for Education Institutions

2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations

48 CFR 31.2, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Contracts with Commercial Organizations

C. Organizational Audit Requirements: The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Subrecipients that expend \$750,000.00 or more of federal funds during their fiscal year are required to submit an organization-wide financial and compliance audit report. The audit must be performed in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's (GAO's) Government Auditing Standards, which may be accessed online at <https://www.gao.gov/>, and in accordance with 2 CFR §200.514 Scope of Audit. Audit reports are currently due to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse no later than nine months after the end of the recipient's fiscal year.

In addition, Subrecipients must submit the audit report to the State of Georgia, by sending a copy to the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, Nonprofit and Local Governments Audits, 270 Washington Street, SW, Room I-156, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-8400.

If required to submit an audit report under the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, the Subrecipient shall provide GEMA/HS with written documentation showing that it has complied with the single audit requirements. Such documentation shall be returned to GEMA/HS with this signed Agreement. The Subrecipient shall immediately notify GEMA/HS in writing at any time that it is required to conduct a single audit and provide documentation within a reasonable time period showing compliance with the single audit requirement.

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D. Selected Items of Cost: The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of OMB 2 CFR Part 225, Selected Items of Cost. Physical inventories must be taken at least once every two years to ensure that assets received through this Agreement exist and are in use. Governmental units will manage and maintain equipment in accordance with State laws and procedures.

E. The Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA): Subrecipient agrees to only use iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials produced in the United States for all infrastructure projects. The Act requires the following "Buy America" preference:

1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States. This means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
2. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States. This means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States, and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation.

Additional information regarding the BABAA requirements can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/buy-america#interpretation>

F. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number Requirement: No entity may receive a subgrant under this award unless GEMA/HS has received the UEI number for the prospective Subrecipient.

G. Accounting System: The Subrecipient agrees to maintain an accounting system integrated with adequate internal fiscal and management controls to capture and report grant data with accuracy, providing full accountability for revenues, expenditures, assets, and liabilities. This system shall provide reasonable assurance that the Subrecipient is managing federal and state financial assistance programs in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

H. Retention and Maintenance of Records: The Subrecipient shall maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of grant funds. All such records must be retained by the Subrecipient for a minimum of three years from the date that the DHS closes the State of Georgia's 2023 HSGP grant. GEMA/HS will notify the Subrecipient in writing when the retention period begins.

I. Withholding and Repayment of Funds: In addition to any other remedies provided by law or the terms of this Agreement, if the Subrecipient fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, including all exhibits hereto, or with any applicable federal or state law or regulation, GEMA/HS may withhold or require repayment of grant funds in connection with which the violation occurred. In addition, GEMA/HS may withhold or require repayment of all or any portion of the financial award which has been or is to be made available to the Subrecipient. Specifically, without limitation, GEMA/HS will be entitled to payment from the Subrecipient for any funds paid by the State or that the State is responsible to pay on behalf of the Subrecipient for which GEMA/HS is unable to receive payment or required to repay due to the Subrecipient's failure to cooperate in providing the required documentation showing receipt of the goods or services, purchasing of equipment in the time required, submitting a request for reimbursement with complete supporting documents, or any other activity that GEMA/HS deems a failure by the Subrecipient.

under this Agreement.

National Initiatives:

1. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement (NOFO) (Exhibit H), including without limitation, adoption, and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Refer to NOFO, page 5, "NIMS Implementation section." Other NIMS resources are at the following locations:

<https://www.fema.gov/resource-management-mutual-aid>

<http://www.fema.gov/nims-doctrine-supporting-guides-tools>

2. In order to assure compliance with NIMS requirements, all terms, and conditions of this agreement are predicated and conditional upon the Subrecipient's assurance by completing and signing the NIMS Compliance Form (Exhibit B) and returning the completed and signed form to GEMA/HS with the original signed Agreement.
3. The Subrecipient agrees to institutionalize the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) as required by Georgia law and the NIMS minimum compliance requirements.
4. The Subrecipient agrees that any exercises conducted with grant funds will be managed and executed in compliance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). All exercises are to be planned, conducted, and evaluated with the implementation of improvement in accordance with the guidance from the HSEEP, available at <http://www.fema.gov/national-exercise-program>.
 - a. Any exercises implemented with grant funds must be threat and performance-based and should evaluate the performance of critical tasks required to respond to the exercise scenario.
 - b. All funded exercises are encouraged to be posted in the Multiyear Exercise Plan calendar, added to the National Exercise Schedule, located at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/exercises/about>, and must be preapproved by the GEMA/HS Exercise Program Manager.
 - c. The Subrecipient must report to the GEMA/HS Exercise Program Director prior to conducting scheduled exercises and provide the Program Director with an After Action Report (AAR) and Improvement Plan for each exercise conducted within 90 days following completion of the exercise in accordance with the FY23 HSGP DHS/FEMA NOFO (Exhibit H).
 - d. Exercises conducted using HSGP funding must be NIMS compliant, as defined by the current NIMS compliance matrices. Further information is available on the NIMS Integration Center Web site at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/nims>.
5. The Subrecipient agrees to coordinate with GEMA/HS to maintain and update the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and agrees to provide GEMA/HS any information and access to records upon request.

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA): All new subawards under this grant of \$30,000 or more are subject to FFATA reporting requirements. The Subrecipient is responsible for providing any information requested by GEMA/HS to complete the required report.

- A. Unless exempt, the Subrecipient shall report the names and total compensation of its five most highly compensated executives for its preceding completed fiscal year. This report is only required if:
 - 1. In the Subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the Subrecipient received 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from federal procurement contracts and subcontracts and federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
 - 2. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 61104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 1. Additional information regarding the FFATA requirements can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/info350.pdf> and www.fsrs.gov.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- A. The Subrecipient agrees to use all grant funding awarded from the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for costs related to preparedness activities associated with implementing the findings of the State Preparedness Report, including goals and objectives, and any Urban Areas Security Initiative strategies.
- B. The Subrecipient agrees that all allocations and use of funds under this grant will be in accordance with the FY 2023 HSGP DHS/FEMA NOFO (Exhibit H), and to comply with all DHS/FEMA requirements and cooperate with GEMA/HS to comply with federal and state requirements related to the grant funding.
- C. The Subrecipient understands and agrees that any allocations and use of grant funding must support and may only be used to fund the investments identified in the Fiscal Year 2023 HSGP grant application submitted by GEMA/HS to DHS/FEMA and to use grant funding only for projects pre-approved by GEMA/HS.
- D. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement Articles, included with this agreement as Exhibit F. References in the exhibit to "recipient" apply to the Subrecipient's requirements as subrecipient. The Subrecipient agrees to sign and comply with the terms and conditions of GEMA/HS's Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement and to render mutual aid for a suspected or real attack or in the case of weapons of mass destruction or other event, as determined by GEMA/HS. The Subrecipient shall sign any other Mutual Aid Agreements GEMA/HS or DHS/FEMA shall deem necessary in order to assure the Subrecipient will fulfill its obligations to render mutual aid.
- E. Any Subrecipient receiving funding for purposes of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) agrees to utilize the **Georgia Bureau of Investigations and GEMA/HS** paging system whenever

responding outside of its jurisdiction.

- F. The Subrecipient will maintain an inventory of all grant-funded equipment and provide a copy to GEMA/HS at the end of the grant performance period. The Subrecipient will submit an updated inventory every year thereafter or as the equipment is disposed of. Equipment must be used for the intended purpose for the life of the equipment. There must be a decal on all equipment funded by GEMA/HS which states "Funded by GEMA/HS". The decal will be provided. GEMA/HS must be given a written disposition plan for any equipment that has a value of \$5,000 or more at least 30 days prior to disposal or at the end of its useful life, whichever date is sooner. Also, the GEMA/HS Program Manager will review the disposition plan within 30 days of receipt and provide approval or other instructions for disposal to the Subrecipient.
- G. Non-Supplanting Requirement: The Subrecipient agrees that federal grant funds received under this award will not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non- federal sources. Applicants or Recipients may be required to demonstrate if a reduction in non- federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds. The Subrecipient will be expected to demonstrate how these funds will be used to supplement, but not supplant, state or local funds for the same purposes.
- H. The Subrecipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, requests for information or data collection, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information regarding any activities within this agreement that may be required for the assessment or evaluation.
- I. Federal funds under this grant program are provided through reimbursement of all eligible expenditures. The Subrecipient shall follow procurement standards as stated in federal and state laws and regulations.
- J. Sole Source Procurement: The Subrecipient's procurement procedures and regulations must conform to federal procurement laws and standards. All procurement transactions without regard to dollar value, whether negotiated or through a competitive bid process shall be conducted in such a manner as to provide maximum open and free competition.
- K. Should the Subrecipient elect to award a non-competitive proposal, justification must be provided and include a description of the program and why it is necessary to enter into a non-competitive agreement. All sole-source procurements as defined in 2 CFR§200.320(f) must receive prior written approval from GEMA/HS.
- L. The Subrecipient understands and agrees that compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent and should represent fair market value for services. Time and effort reports for consultant services are required, and competitive bidding is encouraged, as explained in 2 CFR §200.317-326.
- M. The Subrecipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of GEMA/HS and DHS.
- N. No elected or appointed official or employee of the Subrecipient shall be admitted to any share or part of any benefit, directly or indirectly, from this agreement or grant award. This provision shall not be construed to extend to any contract made with a corporation for its general benefit.
- O. If the Subrecipient is found to be in violation of any of the conditions of this agreement, including

any exhibits hereto, or of applicable federal and state laws or regulations, in addition to any other recourse available, GEMA/HS shall notify the Subrecipient that additional funds in connection with which the violation occurred will be withheld until such violation has been corrected to the satisfaction of GEMA/HS. In addition, GEMA/HS may withhold or require repayment of any portion of the financial award which has been or is to be made available to the Subrecipient or retained and obligated or expended on behalf of the Subrecipient, for other projects under this program until adequate corrective action is taken.

- P. The Subrecipient understands and agrees that for any copyrightable work based on or containing data first produced under this Agreement, the Subrecipient shall grant the government a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, display, distribute, perform, disseminate, or prepare derivative works, and to authorize others to do so, for government purposes on all such copyrighted works. The Subrecipient shall affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §401 or 402 and an acknowledgment of government sponsorship, including the grant award number, to any work first produced under this grant award.

Q. Environmental Historical Preservation (EHP)

1. The Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental and historic preservation (EHP) requirements and shall provide any information requested by FEMA or GEMA/HS to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including: Federal EHP regulations, laws, and Executive Orders; National Environmental Policy Act; National Historic Preservation Act; Endangered Species Act; and Executive Orders on Floodplains (11988), Wetlands (11990), and Environmental Justice (12898). Failure of the Subrecipient to meet federal, state, and local EHP requirements and obtain applicable permits may jeopardize federal funding. The Subrecipient shall not undertake any project having the potential to impact EHP resources without prior approval from FEMA, through GEMA/HS, including but not limited to communications towers, physical security enhancements, new construction, modifications to buildings, and replacement of facilities. The Subrecipient shall coordinate with GEMA/HS regarding any activities using grant funding that requires specific documentation of compliance with federal laws and/or regulations.
2. The Subrecipient shall provide any information requested by GEMA/HS or FEMA to ensure compliance with applicable federal EHP requirements. Any change to the approved project or scope of work will require re-evaluation for EHP compliance. If ground-disturbing activities may occur during project implementation, the Subrecipient must ensure monitoring of ground disturbance, and, if any potential archeological resources are discovered, the recipient will immediately cease construction in that area and notify GEMA/HS, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia State Historic Preservation Division.
3. The Subrecipient shall not undertake any project using HSGP funding to which the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements are applicable without first obtaining written approval from FEMA, through GEMA/HS. The Subrecipient shall coordinate with GEMA/HS regarding any activities using grant funding that requires specific documentation of NEPA compliance. Any construction activities initiated prior to the full environmental and historic preservation review and evaluation will result in a non-compliance finding and will not be eligible for HSGP funding.

For more information regarding FEMA's EHP requirements, the Subrecipient should refer to the DHS/FEMA FY23 NOFO (Exhibit H) and FEMA's Information Bulletins 329, 345, 356, 371, and 404 available at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/about/informational-bulletins>.

- R. The Subrecipient agrees to cooperate with GEMA/HS in assuring that any training using HSGP funds is reported through the Training Information Reporting System ("Web-Forms") located at <https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/>
- S. The Subrecipient agrees that funds from the FY 2023 HSGP utilized to establish or enhance state and local fusion centers will be used in compliance with the requirements and restrictions in the DHS/FEMA NOFO (Exhibit H) and with FEMA's Information Bulletins 281 and 288. Specifically, without limitation, the Subrecipient receiving funding to be used for costs related to a fusion center agree to comply with the following:
1. To use such funds to support the development of a statewide fusion process that corresponds with the Global Justice/Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) Fusion Center Guidelines and the National Strategy for Information Sharing, and achievement of a baseline level of capability as defined by Global's *Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers*, a supplement to the Fusion Center Guidelines, located at <http://www.it.ojp.gov/documents/baselinecapabilitiesa.pdf>.
 2. To use such funds to support the achievement of baseline levels of capability as defined in the fusion capability planning tool.
 3. The Subrecipient shall provide GEMA/HS with a certification stating that the Subrecipient will assume responsibility for supporting the costs of any hired analysts following the three-year federal funding period or the termination of the Subrecipient Agreement, whichever occurs first.
 4. The Subrecipient shall provide GEMA/HS with certificates of completion of training for each intelligence analyst hired with grant funding to enable information/intelligence sharing capabilities in accordance with Global's *Minimum Criminal Intelligence Training Standards for Law Enforcement and Other Criminal Justice Agencies in the United States*, as required under the DHS/FEMA FY23 NOFO (Exhibit H) and Information Bulletin 288.
 5. All Subrecipients leveraging FY 2023 HSGP funds in support of information sharing and intelligence fusion and analysis centers must leverage available federal information-sharing systems, including Law Enforcement Online (LEO) and the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), and comply with 28 CFR 23.
- T. Any Subrecipient receiving HSGP grant funding for purchasing or upgrading a mobile communication vehicle (MCV), equipment for an MCV, or other MCV related costs, agrees to comply with the following requirements:
1. Each agency receiving an MCV funded with HSGP funding will be required to participate with the MCV in at least one regional GEMA/HS sponsored MCV exercise annually and at least one GEMA/HS sponsored statewide MCV exercise biennially. Any agency that cannot meet this compliance requirement due to an unforeseen event in any year must request approval from GEMA/HS, providing a reasonable justification for failing to remain in compliance.

2. Each agency receiving an HSGP funded MCV will provide GEMA/HS with updated vehicle equipment capability and inventory data as requested.
- U. In the event that the Subrecipient uses subcontractors or contractors, the Subrecipient shall use small, minority, women-owned or disadvantaged business concerns and contractors or subcontractors to the extent practicable as prescribed by applicable Federal and State laws.
- V. The Subrecipient understands that any public contracts and subcontracts funded by the HSGP must comply with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §13-10-90, et seq., and Georgia Department of Labor Rules 300-10-1, et seq., to verify the contractor's or subcontractor's new employees' work eligibility through a federal work authorization program. The Subrecipient shall utilize the U.S. DHS E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired during the Agreement term.

CHANGES TO AGREEMENT: The Subrecipient understands and agrees that, in addition to the provisions in the "Termination" section below, GEMA/HS shall have the right to make unilateral changes, cancel, or terminate this agreement in the event that FEMA and/or DHS makes changes to the FY23 HSGP grant awarded to GEMA/HS. With the exception of termination or changes included in this agreement, there shall be no other changes to this Agreement unless mutually agreed upon by all parties to the Agreement.

EMPLOYMENT: The employment of unauthorized aliens by the Subrecipient Agency is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Subrecipient Agency knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall cause the unilateral cancellation of the Agreement. Any services performed by any such unauthorized aliens shall not be paid.

The Subrecipient Agency shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired during the Agreement term.

TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated for any or all of the following reasons:

- A. Cause/Default: This agreement may be terminated for cause, in whole or in part, at any time by the State of Georgia for the failure of the Subrecipient to perform any of the provisions or to comply with any of the terms and conditions herein. If the State exercises its right to terminate this agreement under the provisions of this paragraph, the termination shall be accomplished in writing and specify the reason and termination date. The Subrecipient will be required to submit the final invoice no later than 30 days after the effective date of written notice of termination. Upon termination of this agreement, the State shall not incur any new obligations after the effective date of the termination and shall cancel outstanding obligations, as possible. The above remedies are in addition to any other remedies provided by law or the terms of this agreement.
- B. Notwithstanding and without waiving any other remedies available for the Subrecipient's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement, if the Subrecipient fails to meet its obligations, voluntarily or otherwise, as part of a GEMA/HS program, GEMA/HS will have the right, privilege, and option to immediately terminate this Agreement. Failure to exercise the right of termination for previous occurrences or omissions will not act as a waiver for future noncompliance by the Subrecipient. Should GEMA/HS exercise the right, privilege, and option to terminate this Agreement, the Subrecipient shall immediately transfer ownership of any HSGP grant-funded vehicle(s) and related equipment purchased under this agreement to GEMA/HS or to whomever GEMA/HS shall designate, including the transfer of title, tag, and related documents, and shall deliver and turn over possession and title of said vehicle(s) and related equipment, without

cost, as directed by GEMA/HS.

- C. Convenience: This agreement may be canceled or terminated by either of the parties without cause; however, the party seeking to terminate or cancel this agreement must give written notice of its intention to do so to all other parties at least 30 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or termination.

D. Non-Availability of Funding: Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, in the event that either of the sources of funding for reimbursement under this agreement (appropriations from the General Assembly of the State of Georgia or the Congress of the United States of America) no longer exist, in the event, the sum of all obligations of GEMA/HS incurred under this and all other agreements entered into for this program exceeds the balance of such funding, then this agreement shall immediately terminate without further obligation of GEMA/HS. The certification by the Director of GEMA/HS of the occurrence of either of the events stated above shall be conclusive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY** and Habersham County Sheriff's Office have executed this Agreement:


GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND
HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY

SUBRECIPIENT

Signature

Linda Criblez, Deputy Director of Homeland Security
Printed Name and Title of Signatory

02 / 02 / 2026
Date of Signature



Signature, Authorizing or Highest Official

Robin Kookum - Sheriff
Printed Name and Title of Signatory

02 / 04 / 2026
Date of Signature

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