

# Request for Board of Commissioners' Action

From: Faye Hughes, County Administrator. Date: 1/28/2020

Subject: CDBG-MIT Grant Application Resolution Item Number: Work Session Discussion A

As you may remember, several months ago the City of Adel was working on a regionwide grant for funding through the CDBG-MIT grant allocation originating after the January 2017 Tornado event. Several communities across Georgia are eligible for funding through this grant. The original regionwide funding application was determined not to be eligible for the grant.

The City of Adel has made a proposal to DCA and it has been reviewed by FEMA to state that their new project is eligible for application. The new project is a tower to be located on Honeymoon Lane. The tower will be            feet tall. From what I understand, if the County puts an antenna on this tower it will ping off the existing tower near the landfill to the Scruggs tower near Lenox and enhance the communications on the north end of the county.

The City of Adel has asked the County to partner with them in applying for this grant. RDC who is writing the grant has stated if a 5% match is included in the grant application it will have a much better chance of being approved. I believe there are 18 communities eligible to apply for available funding through this grant. John Flythe has asked the Board to consider providing ½ of the 5% which is \$100,000. The City would put in \$50,000 and the County would put in \$50,000.

Even if the Board chooses not to participate in funding the 5%, the City still has asked the County to partner with the City of Adel in the grant application. He also said that it would not prohibit the County from placing an antenna on the tower at some point, however; the County would need to rent space on the tower at that time.

The Board will have to make a decision on the partnership and funding at this meeting. A resolution and agreement has been provided by the RDC for the Board to approve.