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## **News Release**

### **State Awards City of Harlem Funding for Generators**

(ATLANTA) -- Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, on behalf of Governor Nathan Deal, recently awarded a \$132,302 federal grant to the City of Harlem for the purchase and installation of a fixed generator to serve the city's Pumpkin Center Water Booster Station and two portable generators for the city's sewer lift stations.

"Preparing in advance for potential disasters makes the whole community safer. The generators will allow these critical facilities to continue serving the public if power fails during severe weather events or other emergencies," said GEMHSA Director Jim Butterworth.

The amount awarded includes a federal share of \$99,227. The remainder will come from a state share of \$13,230 and a local share of \$19,845.

This award is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which provides funds to state agencies and local governments. HMPG projects reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from the effects of natural hazards by breaking the repetitive cycle of destruction and reconstruction. These funds were made possible as a result of the city's participation and adoption of the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

As part of the Office of the Governor, GEMHSA works with local, state and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. In addition, GEMHSA employees are on 24-hour call statewide to assist local authorities when disaster strikes. Go to [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) or download the free Ready Georgia app to get information on preparing for a disaster and developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.

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