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News Release

State Awards Jefferson County Funding for Critical Facility Generators

(ATLANTA) -- Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security, on behalf of Governor Nathan Deal, recently awarded a \$15,700 federal grant to Jefferson County for the purchase and installation of two fixed generators for Jefferson County wastewater lift stations.

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

The amount awarded includes a federal share of \$11,775. The remainder will come from a state share of \$1,570 and a local share of \$2,355.

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 county’s participation and adoption of the Jefferson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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