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State Awards City of Davisboro Funding for Generator

(ATLANTA) – Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, on behalf of Governor Nathan Deal, recently awarded a \$117,955 federal grant to the City of Davisboro for a portable generator for critical water and wastewater services.

“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 GEMHSA Director Jim Butterworth.

The amount awarded includes a federal share of \$88,466. The remainder will come from a state share of \$11,796 and a local share of \$17,693.

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 Washington 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. GEMHSA’s *Ready Georgia* campaign helps Georgians prepare for disasters. Go to www.ready.ga.gov or download the free *Ready Georgia* app for information on developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.