Item Title: Accept and Appropriate \$1,000 2017 Tier II Local Emergency Planning

Grant Award

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Accepts the Tier II Grant via North Carolina Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$1,000.00, with funds to be appropriated in the Grants and Donations Fund; and

2. Authorizes the County Manager to sign the MOA for the 2017 Tier II Grant.

Item Summary:

This grant award supports the hazardous material preparedness activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) as defined in the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Funds are to be used to support Wake County's LEPC for hazardous materials emergency response planning, training and related exercises. In 2015, the State of North Carolina began charging a fee to facilities reporting hazardous materials. Revenues from those fees are used to support the State's Hazardous Materials Regional Response Teams, provide fiscal support to the information technology infrastructure that companies use to report chemicals and; to provide fiscal support to County LEPCs. The grant may be used for LEPC related expenses from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

The Wake County LEPC is an advisory group charged with outreach to business and industry, education and training to emergency responders and industry representatives, and technical support. The Wake County LEPC has established goals that fall in line with federal EPCRA guidelines. The Tier II grant award will support Wake County's LEPC continued efforts.

Wake County Emergency Management, on behalf of the Wake County LEPC, will manage all grant activities and general administrative requirements. Wake County Emergency Management serves as the point of contact for matters directed to the LEPC.

This grant award does not require matching funds.

Attachments:

- 1. 2017 Tier II Grant MOA
- 2. Budget Memo