COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	County Administrator Steve Rapson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 10, 2015	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of a request from Promise Place to authorize the Chairman to sign a Local Government Approval Form, as required by the Department of Community Affairs, affirming the organization's efforts to obtain funding through the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Background/History/Details:

Promise Place is a non-profit organization that operates a domestic violence shelter. The shelter has been in existence since 2007.

In an effort to secure funding that will be used to secure housing for those who leave the shelter, Promise Place is applying with the Department of Community Affairs to obtain Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The application process has three phases. Promise Place has completed Phase One. Phase Two requires approval from local government, in this case, from Fayette County. The Department of Community Affairs wants the local governments to be aware of the funding that is coming to the county in order to avoid any duplications and to promote collaboration between any entities which receive funding to address the homeless.

This request does not have any funding obligation for Fayette County.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of a request from Promise Place to authorize the Chairman to sign a Local Government Approval Form, as required by the Department of Community Affairs, affirming the organization's efforts to obtain funding through the Emergency Solutions Grant.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

This is an example of Fayette County working in cooperation with its non-profit organizations for the betterment of those in need.

February 20th, 2015

Dear Fayette County Commissioners,

Promise Place is in the process of applying for funding from Georgia Department of Community Affairs to assist with costs of operating our domestic violence shelter. This funding is through a grant called Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This year we will also be applying for some funding called Rapid Re-Housing to assist our clients with securing housing when they leave our program. This is the 4th time that our agency is applying. There are 3 phases to this application and we have already completed Phase One.

Phase One of the application process requires us to submit a Notice of Intent to apply for funding as well as organizational documents such as 501c3 status, 990 forms, etc. Phase Two of the application process requires approval from local government – which in our case is Fayette county. Although our shelter has been in existence since 2007 and the county is already aware of our services this is just a requirement by DCA of all non-profit applicants. This is just to allow you to be aware of what funding may be coming into the county to avoid any duplications and also to promote collaboration between any entities which receive funding (including HUD programs) to address the homeless. Phase Three of the application process is in which we earmark what we would be using the funds for. In this case it would be shelter operations including utilities and maintenance costs at our shelter.

Thank you so much for taking the time to look at this request again this year.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Wilkins

Executive Director

Local Government Approval

To:	Georgia Department of Community Affairs		
Subject:	2015 Application for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)		
Applicant:	Fayette County Council on Domestic Viole	**HMIS Agency Key:**	

Based on a review of the application and/or supporting documents submitted by the above named applicant –

1. The projects named below are within the jurisdiction of this local government; and
2. The projects are approved for funding consideration by DCA.

Project Name	**Project Type** – I Shelter, II Transitional, III Services Only, IV Homelessness Prevention, V Rapid Re-Housing, VI Project Homeless Connect, VII Street Outreach, VIII Hotel/Motel Vouchers, or IX HMIS	**HMIS Project Key**	**Amount Requested**
Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence	I Shelter		20,000.00
		Total DCA Funds Requested:	20,000.00

In making this approval, we reserve the right to withdraw it, in whole or in part, at any time.

Name of Approving Local Government

By:

Name of Authorized Official Signature of Authorized Official Date

Note that local government approval is required by law for nonprofit ESG applicants. Local boards and authorities are encouraged to collaborate and plan with local governments, Continuums of Care and other organizations that serve persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness, but do not have to obtain official local approval. Please return executed approval to Applicant. This format is designed and ESG is administered by the Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing, GA Department of Community Affairs (DCA), 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. DCA Contact: Don Watt, (404) 679-0660, email: don.watt@dca.ga.gov.