

**Agenda Summary**  
**June 12, 2024**

**Agenda Item No. B4**

**Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)  
Pre-Application – Stowe Middle School / Stowe High School Generator**

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**Summary:** The State of Vermont Emergency Management division has received appx. \$90 million in grant funds from FEMA that are to be made available to public and non-profit entities through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the purpose of supporting “mitigation planning and long-term hazard mitigation measures that enhance the State’s resilience posture, avoid loss of life, and reduce damages to improved property”. Utility Resilience Projects, including generators at critical facilities, are eligible.

SMS / SHS is identified as the Town’s primary Local Shelter in the Local Emergency Management Plan. A generator is required to allow the community to use this facility as a shelter during an emergency or extended power outage.

Installing a generator at SHS is an approved Capitol Project in FY 25.

Pre-applications are due June 21 to be evaluated for applicability for a possible full application due late 2024+/- . Complete details of the program requirements and timing of funds being released to accepted applicants are not yet know, but staff expects further opportunity to understand those details in advance of the formal application being submitted.

**Town Plan Impact:** SMS / SHS is identified as the Town’s primary Local Shelter in the Local Emergency Management Plan. A generator is required to allow the community to use this facility as a shelter during an emergency or extended power outage.

**Fiscal Impact:** No impact at this time. The HMGP provides up to 75% reimbursement and can apply to design and construction. With an approved Capitol Project in the amount of \$300k, the HMGP funds would be used to reduce the cost to the Town in implementing this approved capitol project.

**Recommendation:** Move to approve the submission of a pre-application for the HMGP to install a generator at SHS / SMS building.