

Outlook

Request for Commissioner Input – FEMA Federal Medical Station Surplus Offer (\$480,000 Value)

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Good afternoon, Commissioners,

I am seeking your individual input and support regarding a significant opportunity from FEMA to acquire surplus disaster medical and sheltering supplies valued at approximately \$480,000.

Background

FEMA is discontinuing its medical response mission and eliminating all Federal Medical Station (FMS) assets from the National Stockpile. As a result, Columbia County has been offered up to four complete FMS kits at no acquisition cost.

Each FMS kit (inventory attached) is valued at approximately \$123,000 and includes tri-wall palletized supplies and equipment transported via three 53-foot trailers. A single kit provides sufficient resources to establish a 250-bed field medical treatment facility and is designed for modular deployment and setup in school gymnasiums, fairgrounds, or other similar locations.

Strategic Considerations

This opportunity aligns with several critical factors affecting Columbia County:

- Our lack of a local hospital facility
- The potential for geographic isolation ("islanding") during major disasters
- FEMA's formal withdrawal from providing these resources in future emergencies
- Our ongoing efforts to enhance community resilience

Preliminary Implementation Proposal

I have conducted initial research on storage and deployment logistics:

Component	Cost
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Four Resilience Hub locations: St. Helens, Rainier, Clatskanie, and Vernonia	—
Storage containers (4 per hub × 4 hubs = 16 containers @ \$2,900 each)	\$46,400
Site preparation (gravel pads, 4 hubs @ \$2,000 each)	\$8,000
40-foot full-tilt gooseneck container transport trailer (EM/PW Asset)	\$28,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$82,400

Note: Emergency Management and Public Works have existing capacity to operate the transport trailer. CERT and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers would support inventory management, training, and deployment exercises.

Proposed Funding Source

I recommend consideration of the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee (HSEMC) funds currently held in reserve for countywide benefit projects.

Coordination Requirements

Successful implementation would require intergovernmental agreements with cities, school districts, special districts, or utilities for resilience hub placement at each chosen location.

Requested Action

I respectfully request your feedback, questions, and indication of support as I continue to develop this proposal. Given the time-sensitive nature of federal surplus disposition, I am available to discuss this opportunity at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
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