

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment to Create New Grant Account \$13,000 for “2015 DPR9 Portable Ramp Project”	
MEETING DATE: 10/20/2015	
REQUESTED BY: Jerry VeHaun	
Background information Buncombe County is part of North Carolina Domestic Preparedness Region 9 (DPR9). DPR9 consists of the 12 westernmost counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. NC Emergency Management created the DPRs to regionalize the distribution of Homeland Security Grant funding and to encourage regional Homeland Security Planning. The DPR9 leadership determined there is a need for portable ramps to facilitate the movement of bulk materials in response to a disaster or large scale emergency. These ramps can also assist in the movement of people in wheelchairs at emergency shelters and at Medical Countermeasure dispensing sites. These resources will be hosted by Emergency Management but available to all emergency response agencies throughout the region. Buncombe County has received \$13,000 in 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds for this project. This will fund the purchase of 13 portable ramps. One ramp will be placed in each of the 13 jurisdictions within DPR9.	
Pro's <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased capability to support Public Safety operations during emergencies.• Increased capability to move bulk materials in response to a large scale emergency or disaster.	Con's <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Funds required Project solely supported by grant funding. No County funds required.	
Alternatives None – Counties in DPR 9 have no other funding to support this project.	
Action recommended: Budget amendment to create new revenue and expenditure accounts for this grant project.	