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CITY OF WINDER AWARDED GMA SAFETY AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT GRANT

The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is proud to announce the City of Winder received a Safety Grant check in the amount of \$7,500.00. These funds will be used by the city to purchase of AED, Safety Vests, and Body Armor.

Eileen Thomas, Marketing Field Manager, GMA, stated, "This program allows each city to stretch their budget dollars and provide a safer work environment for their employees."

The GMA Safety and Liability Management Grant program was introduced in 2000 to provide a financial incentive to assist members in improving their employee safety and general public liability loss control efforts through training and the purchase of equipment or services. Since the inception of the program over 130 cities have received grant money through the program, over 500 grants were approved totaling nearly \$1.5 million to fund items such as bulletproof vests, training videos, confined space entry equipment, reflective safety vests, fire department turnout gear, and police department in-vehicle video systems. These grant funds have helped leverage the purchase of over \$2.6 million in this type of equipment and training.

The Safety and Liability Management Grant program is made available to members of GMA's property and liability insurance program (the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency) and GMA's workers' compensation insurance program (GMA Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund).

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to its over 500 member cities.