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## **News Release**

### **GEMA/HS Presents Reimbursement Payment to City of Danielsville**

(ATLANTA) – City of Danielsville received \$107,064 from federal grants administered by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security to reimburse the county for the purchase and installation of four fixed generators to serve two water wells and two sewer lift stations.

“Preparing in advance for potential disasters makes the whole community safer. The generators will allow these critical facilities to continue serving the public if power fails during severe weather events or other emergencies,” said GEMA/HS Director Jim Butterworth.

GEMA/HS formally presented the check to Danielsville Mayor Todd Higdon and Police Chief Brenan Baird.

#### **Suggested Quote for Mayor Higdon:**

“We don’t ever want a disruption in supplying water to residents or businesses and that it particularly true during a disaster. This is something we’ve wanted for a long time,” Higdon said.

This award is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which provides funds to state agencies and local governments. The grant award required a local share of \$21,413. And a state share of \$14,275.

HMPG projects reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from the effects of natural hazards by breaking the repetitive cycle of destruction and reconstruction. These funds were made possible as a result of the City of Danielsville participation and adoption of the Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

As part of the Office of the Governor, GEMA/HS works with local, state and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. In addition, GEMA/HS employees are on 24-hour call statewide to assist local authorities when disaster strikes. Go to [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) or download the free Ready Georgia app to get information on preparing for a disaster and developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.

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