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## NEWS RELEASE

### **City of Hinesville Awarded GMA Safety and Liability Management Grant**

**HINESVILLE, Ga. (January 23, 2019)** – The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is pleased to announce the City of Hinesville was awarded a Safety Grant in the amount of \$10,000 and a Liability Grant in the amount of \$9,885.46 toward the purchase, of Digital Ally DVM-800 in-vehicle video camera, memory card, 18’ traffic cones and thermal camera kit with an in-vehicle charger.

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

Based in Atlanta, the GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to its over 500 member cities. One of the grant programs overseen by the organization is the GMA Safety and Liability Management Grant program. Introduced in 2000, the program is designed to provide 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 its inception, over 130 cities have received grant money, with over 500 grants 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).

#### **ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:**

The [City of Hinesville](http://cityofhinesville.org) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit [cityofhinesville.org](http://cityofhinesville.org).

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