

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Ratify Application for and Authorize Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grants from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, in an Amount Up to \$3,481,874.31, Approve Execution of All Applicable Grant Contracts, Adopt Resolution and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for and authorize acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program award in the amount up to \$3,481,874.31 from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor;
2. Authorize execution of all applicable grant contracts;
3. Adopt attached resolution for acceptance of grant funds in an amount up to \$3,481,874.31 and to make assurances as required by the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, up to the amount of \$3,481,874.31 for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program projects specific to the Urban Area Security Initiative.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, awards grants to jurisdictions across the state to enhance local capabilities to prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism and natural disasters. The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) encourages jurisdictions to strengthen local and regional preparedness efforts and to seek benefits available through cooperative action.

Funding awarded as part of the 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants will be used by Fort Worth public safety and disaster support organizations to maintain and improve the community's capacity to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorism incidents and other natural disasters. Fort Worth has been offered the opportunity to participate in the HSGP each year since 2005, receiving over \$56,000,000.00 in grant funds to supplement local and regional preparedness efforts. The Fire Department's Grant Management team coordinates with City departments in the development and implementation of grant funded projects in the areas of threat assessment, risk reduction, capability sustainment, plan development, public education and training. The projects are as follows:

1. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2981409 - Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) Sustainment Project in the amount of \$223,740.00;
2. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2981809 - Planning project in the amount of \$751,439.00;
3. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2982009 - Management and Administration project in the amount of \$170,029.01;
4. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4570302 - Community Preparedness and Resiliency project in the amount of \$310,400.00;
5. State Homeland Security Program Grant 4838101 - North Central Texas Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training project in the amount of \$53,294.00;
6. State Homeland Security Program Grant 4852101 - North Central Texas HazMat-Dry Decon project in the amount of \$14,000.00;
7. State Homeland Security Program Grant 4854501 - North Central Texas HazMat Level A Suits project in the amount of \$15,000.00;
8. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4897201 - Special Response Teams - Travel & Equipment project in the amount of \$476,444.55;
9. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4897401 - Rescue Task Force Equipment project in the amount of \$121,550.00;
10. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4897601 - Marshal's Fencing & Open Gate System in the amount of \$56,600.00;
11. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4898201 - Special Events Emergency Response Tactical Bridge in the amount of \$20,000.00;
12. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4898401 - Drone Detection - Electronic Surveillance Unit project in the amount of \$98,000.00;
13. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4898701 - Arson / Bomb Squad project in the amount of \$423,148.75;
14. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4899401 - NIMS Program project in the amount of \$89,399.00;
15. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4899501 - INTEX Intel Dark Web Analyst project in the amount of \$137,583.00;
16. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4899801 - INTEX SAMRT Team OT project in the amount of \$45,000.00;
17. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4900501 - Physical Security - Cyber / IT project in the amount of \$90,000.00;
18. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4900801 - Cybersecurity Consultants project in the amount of \$180,000.00;
19. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4901101 - Holly WTP Fencing & Guard Station project in the amount of \$191,247.00; and
20. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4901301 - Election Security OT - Police project in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Indirect costs are allowable under this program as described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414 and have been requested at the current rate of 6.02%. The grant has no local match requirement.

Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds support the following nine employee positions:

UASI Planning Grant:

- Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator: 1.0 FTE for \$127,200.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Officer I: 1.0 FTE at \$78,416.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Officer I: 1.0 FTE at \$78,416.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Officer II: 1.0 FTE at \$100,048.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Operations Center Technician: 1.0 FTE at \$90,580.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Communications Officer/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Coordinator: 0.25 FTE at \$15,803.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Grant Specialist: 0.4 FTE at \$37,146.00 in the Office of Emergency Management and Grants Unit of the FWFD

UASI Management and Administration Grant:

- Grant Specialist: 1.0 FTE at \$92,862.02 in the Grants Unit of the FWFD
- Grant Specialist: 0.6 FTE at \$71,719.20 in the Grants Unit of the FWFD and Office of Emergency Management

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- INTEX Intel Dark Web Analyst: 1.0 FTE at \$130,648.82 in the Fort Worth Police Department Criminal Analysis/Fusion Center

Positions listed above are subject to grant funding availability. In the event of a grant award being decreased or eliminated, Fort Worth Fire Department would review programs and services funded by the grants and determine a level of service and staffing that aligns with the available funding. Alternatives to consider may include staff and program reductions or eliminations.

Sustainment of these positions may include transfer to general fund or identification of other sources of funding that can be secured.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Fire Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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