

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service in the Amount of \$324,613.31 for the Jurisdictional Crisis Incident Management - Emergency Operations Center Training and Certification for the Emergency Management and Communications Department Using 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service in the amount of \$324,613.31 for the Jurisdictional Crisis Incident Management - Emergency Operations Center Training and Certification Course for the Emergency Management and Communications Department, in addition, \$12,000.00 from Emergency Management and Communications operating and maintenance funding for 16 executives and 5 white cell participants for hotel, charter bus transportation, and per diem.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Emergency Management & Communications Department's Office of Emergency Management Division plans to send up to 45 participants consisting of department heads and other authorized individuals who respond to an activation of the Emergency Operations Center to a certification course for additional training in the Jurisdictional Crisis Incident Management - Incident Command Post (ICP). The course uses a multidisciplinary, jurisdictional team building approach focusing on ICP critical decision-making requirements within the command and control modes. It offers a virtual, practical experience in realistic large-scale incident management using computer-based simulations, providing jurisdictional teams the skills necessary to safely and effectively manage any "All Hazards" large scale or catastrophic incident in their specific jurisdiction or region. The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service course will be funded by 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Award 2981811, which was approved by Council on February 24, 2026, Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) 26-0127. If Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants are not released prior to scheduled training dates, this request will be canceled.

Funding for this project will be Federal funds authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), (6 U.S.C. 603). UASI funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated Federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

This grant has been awarded and funding is on hold until funds are released from the state due to ongoing DHS partial shutdown.

This is a reimbursement grant and matching funds are not required. Indirect costs are not applicable, since no City salaries will be charged. The grant application repository number is GRNT-APPL-0000000129, under 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Award 2981811, Planning project.

This Agreement will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: The State of Texas

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon the release of awarded funding, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. The Emergency Management & Communications 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 Emergency Management & Communications Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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