

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative Grants from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the State of Texas, Office of the Texas Governor, in the Amount Up to \$4,521,282.00, Approve Execution of All Applicable Grant Contracts, Adopt Resolution and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program award in the amount up to \$4,521,282.00 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 the attached resolution for acceptance of grant funds in the amount up to \$4,521,282.00 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, in the amount up to \$4,521,282.00 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 2025 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 \$59,000,000.00 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 2981411 - Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) Sustainment project in the amount of \$664,000.00;
2. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2981811 - Planning project in the amount of \$901,538.00;
3. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2982011 - Management and Administration project in the amount of \$150,498.00;
4. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4570304 - Community Preparedness and Resiliency in the amount of \$440,000.00;
5. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4128305 - Enhance Intelligence and Information Sharing project in the amount of \$640,000.00;
6. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4898703 - Arson / Bomb Squad project in the amount of \$346,343.00;
7. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4128705 - Special Response Teams project in the amount of \$647,903.00;
8. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 5606201 - Soft Targets Water & Aviation project in the amount of \$221,000.00;
9. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 5605601 - Information Technology Physical Security project in the amount of \$250,000.00 and
10. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 5634901 - Vehicle Access Mitigation and Threat Prevention project in the amount of \$260,000.00.

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 6.24%. The grant has no local match requirement.

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

UASI Planning Grant:

Grant Specialist: 0.4 FTE at \$38,000.00 in the Office of Emergency Management

UASI Management and Administration Grant:

Grant Specialist: 1.0 FTE at \$97,486.00 in the Grants Unit of the Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD)

Grants Specialist: 0.6 FTE at \$53,012.00 in the Grants Unit of the FWFD

The positions listed above are subject to grant funding availability. In the event of a grant award being decreased or eliminated, the 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 the general fund or identification of other sources of funding that can be secured.

The Grant application repository numbers are the following:

GRNT-APPL-0000000128	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - JEOC Sustainment
GRNT-APPL-0000000129	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - Planning
GRNT-APPL-0000000130	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - Grants M&A
GRNT-APPL-0000000131	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - Special Response
GRNT-APPL-0000000132	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - Community Preparedness
GRNT-APPL-0000000133	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - Arson / Bomb Squad
GRNT-APPL-0000000134	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - IT Physical Security
GRNT-APPL-0000000135	2025 UASI - Fort Worth - Enhance Intelligence
GRNT-APPL-0000000136	2025 UASI – Fort Worth – Soft Targets Water & Avia
GRNT-APPL-0000000175	2025 UASI- Fort Worth- Vehicle Access Mitigation

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

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 an expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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