

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for and Authorize Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative Grants from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, in an Amount Up to \$3,014,543.17, 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 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program award in the amount up to \$3,014,543.17 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 \$3,014,543.17 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 \$3,014,543.17 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 2024 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 2981410 - Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) Sustainment Project in the amount of \$193,820.00;
2. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2981810 - Planning project in the amount of \$777,240.00;
3. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 2982010 - Management and Administration project in the amount of \$150,727.00;
4. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4570303 - Community Preparedness and Resiliency in the amount of \$475,000.00;
5. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4128304 - Enhance Intelligence and Information Sharing project in the amount of \$80,000.00;
6. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4898702 – Arson / Bomb Squad project in the amount of \$372,120.00;
7. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4128704 - Special Response Teams project in the amount of \$544,130.00;
8. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 5247001 – Fire Emergency Medical Services project in the amount of \$91,506.17;
9. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 5248001 – Information Technology Physical Security project in the amount of \$150,000.00 and
10. Urban Area Security Initiative Grant 4900802 – Cybersecurity Consultants project in the amount of \$180,000.00.

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 nine employee positions:

UASI Planning Grant:

- Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator: 1.0 FTE for \$130,000.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Communications Officer/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Coordinator: 0.25 FTE at \$7,800.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Officer I: 1.0 FTE at \$74,661.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Officer I: 1.0 FTE at \$71,791.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Officer II: 1.0 FTE at \$100,603.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Operations Center Technician: 1.0 FTE at \$90,580.00 in the Office of Emergency Management
- Grant Specialist: 1.0 FTE at \$38,000.00 in the Office of Emergency Management

UASI Management and Administration Grant:

- Grant Specialist: 1.0 FTE at \$77,019.98 in the Grants Unit of the Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD)
- Grants Specialist: 1.0 FTE at \$61,209.00 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.

Application data for this award has been added to the Grant Application Repository.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division

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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