

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 362026 HSGP

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Fiscal Year 2026 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 \$4,521,282.00, Approve Execution of All Applicable Grant Contracts, Adopt Resolution and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2026 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.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO), administers the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), which includes a suite of risk-based grants to assist local efforts to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and natural disasters. The HSGP consists of individual grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG).

Fort Worth has participated in the HSGP each year since 2005, receiving over \$84,000,000.00 in grant funding to supplement local and regional preparedness efforts.

April 30, 2026, is the submission deadline for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 HSGP application. An executed Resolution must be submitted with the application for it to be considered complete and eligible for funding. This M&C is seeking authorization to apply, accept, and adopt the resolution and appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,521,282.00 for the UASI grant program, which is designated to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas.

Funding awarded as part of the FY2026 UASI grant 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. The Fire Department's Grant Management team coordinates the development and implementation of these grant funded projects across City departments, in the areas of threat assessment, risk reduction, capability sustainment, plan development, public education and training.

The FY2026 UASI award includes funding for various projects and initiatives, including a dedicated Management and Administration (M&A) component that supports program oversight and grant administration. The following two positions within the Fire Department's Grants Unit are funded by this M&A component.

- Grants Specialist (1.0 FTE) - \$97,486.00
- Grants Specialist (1.0 FTE) - \$91,012.00

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.

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, No. GRNT-APPL-0000000185.

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

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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 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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