



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2017

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT IN THE RIVERSIDE URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE REGION

ISSUE:

Accept the procurement of a tactical vehicle and communications equipment in the Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative region, defined as controlled equipment according to Executive Order No. 13688.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve the acquisition of controlled equipment for the Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) region. The procurement process for the tactical vehicle and communications equipment will be undertaken by the City of Ontario and San Bernardino County, respectively.

BACKGROUND:

On December 13, 2016 the City Council approved acceptance of the 2016 UASI grant award from the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The Riverside UASI grant was funded in the amount of \$2,369,600. The City of Riverside is designated as the Single Point of Contact (SPC) for purposes of the grant application and financial management of the grant. The SPC responsibilities include serving as the application lead, financial and reporting management, and coordination of grant requirements with Cal OES and the USDHS. The Riverside UASI, operating under previous action and as Single Point of Contact, seeks the approval to procure controlled equipment in the Riverside UASI region as required by Cal OES.

DISCUSSION:

The USDHS and Cal OES requires approval of the City Council for the acquisition of controlled equipment with federal funds consistent with Executive Order No. 13688. On August 28, 2017, the President signed Executive Order No. 13809 which revokes the recommendations issued

under Executive Order No. 13688 (the first Executive Order). This new Executive Order directs grantees to cease implementing and take prompt action to rescind any rules, regulations, guidelines, or policies that implement the first Executive Order.

Pending the issuance of a legal opinion from the Federal Administration of Emergency Management on Executive Order No. 13809, Cal OES is requiring approval of the City Council for the acquisition of controlled equipment with federal funds consistent with the first Executive Order.

Controlled equipment is defined as tactical vehicles or upgrades to tactical vehicles which may seem militaristic in nature but have significant utility for law enforcement operations. These vehicles provide critical officer and civilian safety protection and transport into and out of high-risk situations. UASI grant funds are utilized to serve regional homeland security initiatives and projects that have been approved by the Riverside UASI Steering Group, Riverside UASI Approval Authority, and the USDHS.

The Fiscal Year 2016 UASI grant cycle includes two projects which are considered controlled equipment:

1. City of Ontario: Procurement of a Tactical Response Vehicle for the Ontario Police Department that would respond to an explosive incident or improvised explosive device incident during the response or crisis management phase of the event. The vehicle has a ramping system capable of reaching multiple storied structures and is also designed to carry and transport equipment, personnel and supplies to critical incidents (\$600,000).
2. San Bernardino County: Procurement of equipment to upgrade the current capabilities of the San Bernardino County Fire/Upland Police Department Mobile Command vehicle by purchasing and installing flashlights, wireless cameras, a service contract for satellite and data, desktop computers, charging stations, portable VHF repeater, gateway, radio bridging, and mobile data computers (\$99,810).

The City of Riverside, as the single point of contact, is required to provide the USDHS and Cal OES evidence of approval by the City Council for the acquisition of the requested controlled equipment. The City will not be directly purchasing or housing the controlled equipment; this will be undertaken by the City of Ontario and San Bernardino County, respectively.

All agencies will fully comply with each requirement outlined in the Executive Order No. 13688 and have USDHS and Cal OES oversight of these respective projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All project costs associated with the UASI program are fully funded by the USDHS including a portion of the administrative costs associated with being the lead city for this program. There are no matching funds required with this action.

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