



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2015

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2015 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT
AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY– SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2,400,000**

ISSUE:

Review and adoption of the attached Resolution accepting \$2,400,000 in grant funds from the 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative (“UASI”) grant application for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize submittal of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the State of California Office of Emergency Services for the Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program;
2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s grant award of \$2,400,000 sub-granted through the State of California Office of Emergency Services for the Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program and to execute any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California; and
3. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$2,400,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to a project account to be assigned by the Finance Department.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2004, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) as the State Administrative Agency (SAA), has designated areas as being eligible for the UASI grant funds. On February 1, 2008, the cities of Riverside, San Bernardino and Ontario (hereinafter referred to as “the Cities”) were designated as an eligible Urban Area and received \$2,601,200 under the Fiscal Year 2008 grant cycle of the UASI program.

The subsequent fiscal years received the following grant fund awards:

Fiscal Year 2009	\$4,221,720
Fiscal Year 2010	\$4,229,103
Fiscal Year 2011	\$3,071,386
Fiscal Year 2012	\$1,263,208
Fiscal Year 2013	\$0*
Fiscal Year 2014	\$830,000

**The Riverside UASI was not funded in Fiscal Year 2013 due to government budget reductions.*

The anticipated award amount for Fiscal Year 2015 is \$2,400,000. Staff worked closely with participating agencies, as well as the City Manager's Office in order to submit required application documents. The total allocation of grants funds is based upon an assessment of local risk to include population, population density, and presence of critical infrastructure as well as an effectiveness rating of our grant application. The grant funds will be used for planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise activities related to Homeland Security.

The City of Riverside, as the core city, 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 U.S. DHS.

A portion of the UASI grant funds will be used to continue the salaries and benefits of a portion of the Emergency Services Administrator (10%), Administrative Analyst (64%), Account Clerk (34%) and Training Coordinator (100%) to the UASI program.

UASI grant funds must be 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 U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Investment Justification Planning process. Programmatic areas of investments for Fiscal Year 2015 include:

Regional CBRNE / EOD SWAT Program	\$62,000
Regional CBRNE / Hazmat Program	\$52,100
Regional Community Preparedness Program	\$55,000
Regional Critical Infrastructure Protection	\$380,000
Regional Law Enforcement Intelligence & Information Sharing Program	\$440,000
Regional Emergency Management Information Sharing Program	\$186,000
Regional Operable Communications Program	\$285,805
Regional Medical Surge Program	\$250,000
Regional Planning Program	\$145,000
Regional First Responder Training Program	\$424,095
UASI Programmatic Management & Administration	\$120,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

All project costs associated with the UASI program are fully funded by U.S. Department of Homeland Security, including a portion of the administrative costs associated with being the lead city for this program. There are no matching funds required.

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Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney
Attachment:	Resolution