



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,687,750—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUES:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of application and acceptance of grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the California Office of Emergency Services for the Fiscal Year 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program a grant application for the Department of Homeland Security's 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$2,687,750 and authorize a supplemental appropriation.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of application and acceptance of grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the California Office of Emergency Services for the Fiscal Year 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program a grant application for the Department of Homeland Security's 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$2,687,750;
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$2,687,750, or the actual amount awarded, to the Fire Department Revenue account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Fire Department UASI accounts; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, including but not limited to applications, payment requests, agreements, and amendments necessary to secure funds and implement the approved grant projects, and the ability to make minor and non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) offers the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program to enhance regional preparedness in high-threat, high-density areas and provides funding opportunities every fiscal year (FY) to address the unique multi-discipline planning, operations, equipment, and training needs to these areas as it relates to terrorism prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.

In 2008, DHS identified the Riverside Region as a UASI-qualified area, allowing the eligibility to apply for grant funding. Due to large-scale regional threats, the cities of Ontario and San Bernardino, and the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino were identified as sub-recipients of the grant funding, with the City of Riverside appointed as agency lead. Since 2008, Riverside has led various UASI projects in the region to support the protection of communities from acts of terrorism and has successfully received over \$20 million in grant funding that has been shared among the Riverside UASI agencies.

The Riverside UASI is governed by the Riverside Urban Area Steering Group (UASG), and the Authorized Body of 5. The UASG is comprised of the Police and Fire Chiefs and Deputy/Assistant Chiefs of the Cities of Ontario, Riverside, and San Bernardino, the County Fire Chief and Undersheriff for the County of San Bernardino, and the Emergency Management Director and Assistant Sheriff for the County of Riverside. The UASG sets the priorities and selects the regional projects which will be funded by the UASI grant. The Authorized Body of 5 is comprised of the City Managers from the Cities of Ontario, Riverside, and San Bernardino, the County Executive Officer for Riverside County, and the Chief Executive Officer for San Bernardino County. The Authorized Body of 5 has the final decision making authority for the Riverside UASI's funding allocations.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Homeland Security UASI has provided an application and preliminary award letter to the City of Riverside Fire Department in the approximate amount of \$2,687,750 for the 2019 grant cycle. Staff is requesting that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the grant application and authorize the acceptance of the 2019 UASI funding from the Department of Homeland Security.

If approved, the Riverside UASI and grant sub-recipients will use funding to purchase equipment for Homeland Security enhancement projects throughout the Riverside UASI region. The grant funding may also be used for regional training activities, regional critical infrastructure assessments, staff salaries, and materials to enhance community resilience. Additionally, in order to meet the grant's new cyber security requirement, funding will be provided for Riverside Innovation and Technology Department staff to attend training on implementing and auditing critical security controls.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The impact to the General Fund is the cost of accruals and partial fringe benefits for the UASI Training Coordinator position and are estimated at \$25,000 for the remainder of FY19/20. There are sufficient funds in Fire Department Special Services account number 3515000. Funding for accruals for FY20/21 and FY21/22 will be included in future Fire Department budgets.

All other costs associated with the FY19 UASI grant are 100% reimbursable. Revenues will be credited to account 9167710-331100, and sufficient funds for projects included in the grant application will be appropriated in expenditure accounts as described in the following table.

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>UASI Project Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
City of Ontario	9167720	\$127,000
County/City of Riverside	9167710	\$1,475,637
County/City of San Bernardino	9167730	\$1,085,113
Total		\$2,687,750

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**Attachments:**

1. Award Letter
2. Resolution
3. Signature Authority
4. Assurances
5. Grant Award Face Sheet
6. Authorized Agent Sheet
7. FFATA Certification
8. Lobbying Certification
9. Subrecipient Grant Management Assessment Form