



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: February 2, 2021**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION AND  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEARS 2020, 2021, AND 2022 URBAN AREA  
SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,894,500—SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUES:**

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application for the Department of Homeland Security's Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$2,894,500;
2. Authorize acceptance of the 2020, 2021, and 2022 UASI funding in the amount awarded;
3. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of the UASI funding in the actual amount awarded; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, or Fire Chief to execute all necessary documents to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant projects.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application for the Department of Homeland Security's Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$2,894,500;
2. Authorize the acceptance of the UASI funding from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$2,894,500, or the actual amount awarded;
3. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$2,894,500, 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
4. Authorize the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, or Fire Chief 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

making minor and non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services ("CalOES"), 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. This year, CalOES has authorized the City to submit a grant application and authorizations for the fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

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, through Cal OES, has provided an application and preliminary award letter to the City of Riverside Fire Department in the approximate amount of \$2,894,500 for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 grant cycle. Staff is requesting that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the grant application and authorize the acceptance of the 2020, 2021, and 2022 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 FY20/21. There are sufficient funds in Fire Department Special Services account number 3515000. Funding for accruals for FY21/22 and FY22/23 will be included in future Fire Department budgets.

All other costs associated with the FY20 UASI grant are 100% reimbursable. Revenues will be credited to account 9171310-331100, and sufficient funds for projects included in the grant application will be appropriated in expenditure accounts as described in the following table.

Jurisdiction	UASI Project Account	Amount
City of Ontario	9171320	\$643,025
County/City of Riverside	9171310	\$1,476,475
County/City of San Bernardino	9171330	\$775,000
Total		\$2,894,500

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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