



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2021**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY 2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM  
GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,109 – SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Adopt a resolution to accept the United States Department of Homeland Security 2020 State Homeland Security Program grant award in the amount of \$48,109 to fund community preparedness public outreach initiatives.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution to accept the United States Department of Homeland Security 2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant award in the amount of \$48,109 to fund community preparedness public outreach initiatives;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, upon receipt of the grant award, authorize an increase in revenue and appropriation expenditures in an amount equal to the grant award, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, 2020 State Homeland Security Program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents with the United States Department of Homeland Security 2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) offers the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. The 2020 SHSP is set against the backdrop of recent years in which the United States faced numerous and unprecedented natural disasters including hurricanes that devastated parts of Texas, Florida, and much of Puerto Rico, and massive wildfires across California. In addition to these natural disasters, the United States also responded to multiple incidents as part of the evolving threat landscape, including the first known terrorist attack against mass transportation on U.S. soil and mass casualty events involving both vehicles and active

shooters. The purpose of SHSP is to provide Federal funds to states to support state, local, territorial, and tribal government terrorism preparedness.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The United States Department of Homeland Security 2020 State Homeland Security Program grant funds will be used to offset the salary of the Community Preparedness Coordinator position and fund public outreach initiatives.

The performance period for the grant is September 1, 2020, through May 31, 2022.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.6 – Strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.

This item aligns with Each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The State Homeland Security Program funds the City's Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Program that has educated and empowered individuals over the past decade in growth and resilience to emergency preparedness and increasing community trust in emergency response efforts.
2. **Equity** – Funding provided by the State Homeland Security Program help the Fire Department deliver classes to our diverse community including those with access and functional needs.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The use of the State Homeland Security grant funding increases the Fire Department's capability and capacity to conduct classes and assist in the costs associated with staff training, CERT program administration, and equipment acquisition.
4. **Innovation** – The Riverside Fire Department - Office of Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program trains people to be self-sufficient following a major disaster when first responders are likely to be over tasked and not readily available to respond to every emergency. CERT Members help to keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Educating individuals and community organizations thru the CERT program develops disaster resilient individuals and increases our community resilience through education on actions they can take now to mitigate disaster later.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$48,109. Upon Council approval and grant award, an increase in revenues and appropriation expenditures in the amount of \$48,109 will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, State Homeland Security Program revenue account number 9173900-331100 and expenditure account 9173900-411500.

The total grant award is \$48,109. No matching funds are required.

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Approved as to form: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Signature Authority
3. Grant Assurances