



## CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

### **AGENDA ITEM**

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Report: Acceptance of grant funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program.

1. Motion to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,691,400 and authorize the City Manager, or a designee, to execute an agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the award of funds under the FY 2023 UASI grant program.
2. Resolution of appropriation to appropriate \$1,691,400 from the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program grant revenue.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Item Type:** Consent Item

**Approved for**           May 21, 2024           **calendar**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The City of Glendale was successful in obtaining \$1,691,400 under the FY 2023 Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. The Police and Fire Departments now seek an appropriation of those funds to be used for equipment and training.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,691,400 from the FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program and adopt a Resolution of Appropriation in the amount of \$1,691,400.

## ANALYSIS

The grant funds are allocated between the City of Los Angeles and those cities recognized by the County of Los Angeles Operational Area (OA), which includes Glendale. The grant is administered by the City of Los Angeles, and management of the grant is the responsibility of the Fire and Police Departments. These funds are available for purchases of approved equipment and training of first responders which meet identified national, state, county and local priorities.

The projects associated with the FY23 UASI grant program are for the purpose of enhancing public safety efforts within Glendale and the region. These projects are part of the Los Angeles Operational Area's regional funding priorities and have been vetted through the Los Angeles area fire and police regional coordination agencies and the City of Los Angeles Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety. All projects have been approved by the State of California Office of Emergency Services Homeland Security authorizing branch.

In November 2022, the City of Glendale Fire and Police Departments submitted a grant request for the United States Department of Homeland Security FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program to the City of Los Angeles and were awarded \$1,691,400 in grant funding. The agreement between the City of Glendale and the City of Los Angeles authorizes these funds for the following projects:

	Project Title	Amount
Police	Regional LMR System Upgrade	\$ 1,000,000
	Mobile Command Post	\$ 255,000
Police Grant Total		\$ 1,255,000
Fire	CBRNE Training	\$ 45,000
	Hazardous Materials Equipment	\$ 75,000
	Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Equip	\$ 70,000
	Regional Training Centers Sustainment and Maintenance	\$ 116,400
	Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Training	\$ 80,000
Regional Training Centers Sustainment and Maintenance		\$ 50,000
Fire Grant Total		\$ 436,400
UASI 2023 Award		\$ 1,691,400

### UASI 2023 Fire Department Projects:

The grant will support an increase in core capabilities for both our Hazardous Materials (HazMat) and USAR response teams through the purchase of new equipment and providing the funds for required training. The Fire Department has maintained the CA Office of Emergency Services designation as an officially recognized Type 1 Hazardous Materials response team and is part of the State HazMat Mutual Aid Roster. A high level of training and equipment capabilities are required for the Type 1 HazMat team, which provides advanced Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) response capabilities to the region. The Glendale USAR Team is part of CA Regional Task Force 4 and is also part of the State Mutual Aid system to provide technical rescue operations in all structures and terrain.

This funding will replace and improve detection and response equipment and provide specialized training for new and existing members of both teams. The City has received \$311,400 for the purchase of required chemical and radioactive detection devices, USAR rescue equipment, and consumables used in training. Additionally, the City has been granted \$125,000 in funding to increase the training levels of firefighters who are either a member or training to become a member of our HazMat and USAR response teams. Approved training for this grant is limited to courses that fulfill the requirements of the State Homeland Security Program guidelines under UASI. The HazMat and USAR training courses include training such as responding to terrorist bombing incidents, hazardous materials technician and specialist, assistant safety officer, confined space rescue, and trench rescue. The funds will allow several members to receive the training and the materials and supplies required to deliver the training.

### UASI 2023 Police Department Projects:

#### Regional LMR System Upgrade

The Regional LMR System Upgrade is a lifecycle replacement of the point-to-point microwave radio equipment used to provide highly reliable network connections between elements of the City's two-way radio system, many of which are located in remote mountaintop locations. The existing equipment has exceeded its expected service life, has been discontinued by the manufacturer, and our spares inventory has been nearly exhausted. Replacement is necessary to ensure the availability of the radio system for Police, Fire, and local government users.

#### Mobile Command Post

In the event of a natural disaster or other sustained loss of power, the new command post capabilities would provide the police department with the ability to manage critical incidents, receive 911 calls and dispatch emergency personnel, use computers, monitor news reporting, and collaborate with other first responders on major incidents from anywhere in the city. The grant funding will be used for the purpose of obtaining and outfitting the command post to be able to carry out the intended functions to better serve the community during a natural disaster.

## **STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH**

The grant funds will be used to enhance public safety for the community within Glendale and the region.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY23 UASI Grant Program award is \$1,691,400, which was not included as a part of the FY 2023-24 budget. Therefore, staff is requesting an appropriation of \$1,691,400 from Federal Grant revenue. This is a reimbursement grant and requires no matching funds. The appropriation request is outlined below:

<b>Requesting Appropriation:</b>			
Amount	From (Account String)	To (Account String)	Funding Source
\$436,400	GL: 31240-2650-GFD-0020-P0000 PL: GFD01162AG		Fire Grant Fund
\$191,400		GL: 45150-2650-GFD-0020-P0000 PL: GFD01162AG	Fire Grant Fund
\$125,000		GL: 44650-2650-GFD-0020-P0000 PL: GFD01162AG	Fire Grant Fund
\$120,000		GL: 51000-2650-GFD-0020-P0000 PL: GFD01162AG	Fire Grant Fund
\$1,000,000	GL: 31240-6600-GPD-0020-P0000 PL: GPD01162CG	GL: 51000-6600-GPD-0020-P0000 PL: GPD01162CG	Wireless Fund
\$255,000	GL: 31240-2610-GPD-0020-P0000 PL: GPD01162BG	GL: 51000-2610-GPD-0020-P0000 PL: GPD01162BG	Police Fund

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)**

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) as it creates a government funding mechanism or constitutes other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

## **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

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This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Alternative 1: The City Council may elect not to accept and appropriate the grant award, in which case the expenditures would fall on the respective departments to fund the equipment and training.

Alternative 2: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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## **EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

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