



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Acceptance of additional grant funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security 2020 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program

1. Resolution to accept additional grant funds in the amount of \$53,475 and authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the sub-ward agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the award of funds under the FY20 UASI grant program.
2. Resolution of appropriation to appropriate \$53,475 from the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for November 16, 2021 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To accept of \$53,475 in additional grant funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security 2020 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Safe & Healthy Community

The Information Services Department is committed to working in collaboration with other city departments to create a safe community, free of blight, and prepared for emergencies, creating a sense of security for all. Community preparation and capacity to respond to disasters is a high City priority to assure critical systems remain functioning and providing reliable and highly available radio system communications for Fire, Police, and other City Departments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the resolution accepting \$53,475 in additional grant funding from the 2020 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program, and a resolution of appropriation.

BACKGROUND

The City of Glendale has been successful in obtaining an additional \$53,475 under the 2020 Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. These grant funds are allocated between the City of Los Angeles and those cities recognized by the County of Los Angeles Operational Area which includes Glendale. The grant is administered by the City of Los Angeles. Management of the grant is the responsibility of the Information Services, 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 FY20 UASI grant program are for the purposes of continuing efforts to enhance 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. The project has been approved by the State of California Office of Emergency Services Homeland Security authorizing branch.

ANALYSIS

In May 2021, the City received \$216,525 for the Oat Capacity Maintenance project. The additional funding received brings the total project funding to \$270,000. The funding will be allocated to upgrade the capacity at Glendale's interoperable communications radio repeater site located at Oat Mountain. The upgrade consists of adding hardware that will increase the amount of radio calls that can be processed simultaneously at the site. This site is an integral part of the regional ICI System Authority's network that is in need of improvements to maximize public safety radio system capacity in the region. The Glendale owned site is an important facet within the wide-area network relied upon by Glendale Fire and Police resources for responses in the region.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

The expansion of call-carrying capacity at the Oat Nike radio site will allow additional radio calls within its service area. The unique location of this site provides radio coverage into both the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys, augmenting that provided by the primary Glendale radio system. This allows employees from Glendale and other ICI System agencies to communicate with field units and dispatchers in their home cities during events such as a police pursuit, while responding into the City for an unusual occurrence, during surveillance activities, or while otherwise operating outside in these areas. Increased capacity will result in fewer occasions where a radio channel is unavailable and communications delayed.

The ICI System currently provides primary communications for police agencies serving residents of 37 cities in Los Angeles County. In addition, 23 of the 26 municipal fire departments in the county operate on the ICI System.

FISCAL IMPACT

The additional grant funding for the Oat Capacity Maintenance project was not included as part of the FY 2021-22 budget. Therefore, staff is requesting for an appropriation as outlined below:

From

Amount: \$53,475

Funding Source: Federal Grant – US Department of Homeland Security 2020 Urban Area Security Initiatives Grant Program

Account String GL & PL Ledger (if applicable):

31240-6600-ISD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- (ISD00536CG)

To

Amount: \$53,475

Funding Source: ISD Wireless Fund

Account String GL & PL Ledger (if applicable):

51000-6600-ISD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- (ISD00536CG)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

There is no possibility that the acceptance of this grant may have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3))

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Approve as requested by the Information Services Department.

Alternative 2: Not approve the requests of the Information Services Department.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS / ATTACHMENTS

None.