



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Request regarding the acceptance of grant funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security 2021 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program

1. Resolution to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,454,709 and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the award of funds under the FY21 UASI grant program.
2. Resolution to dispense with competitive bidding and authorize the Deputy Director of Finance-Purchasing to issue a purchase order with Platinum Simulators Inc. for (1) the procurement of flight simulator equipment in an amount not to exceed \$209,000 for the initial purchase; and (2) thereafter, for the life of the equipment, if the funds for the continued maintenance, support, updates, upgrades, and licensing of the simulator are appropriated within the Police Department's budget and approved by the City Council as part of the annual citywide budget process.
3. Resolution to appropriate \$1,454,709 from the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program grant revenue and \$34,150 from Asset Forfeiture Public Safety.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for August 9, 2022 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To accept \$1,454,709 in grant funding from the from the United States Department of Homeland Security 2021 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program for the grant period of September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024 to be used for equipment, licensing, and training by the Fire and Police Departments.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The Glendale Fire and Police Departments recommend City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,454,709 from the 2021 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program, and adopt a Resolution of Appropriation in the amount of \$1,454,709 for the 2021 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program and \$34,150 from Asset Forfeiture Public Safety. In addition, it is recommended City Council adopt the attached Resolution dispensing with competitive bidding and authorizing the Deputy Director of Finance-Purchasing to issue a purchase order (1) to procure a flight simulator equipment in an amount not to exceed \$209,000 for the initial purchase; and (2) thereafter, for the life of the equipment, if the funds for the continued maintenance, support, updates, upgrades, and licensing of the simulator are appropriated within the Police Department's budget and approved by the City Council as part of the annual citywide budget process.

BACKGROUND

The City of Glendale has been successful in obtaining \$1,454,709 under the 2021 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 (OA), which includes Glendale. The grant is administered by the City of Los Angeles. 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 FY21 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. All projects have been approved by the State of California Office of Emergency Services Homeland Security authorizing branch.

ANALYSIS

In October 2020, the City of Glendale Fire and Police Departments submitted a grant request for the United States Department of Homeland Security 2021 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program to the City of Los Angeles, and was awarded \$1,454,709 in grant funding. The agreement between the City of Glendale and the City of Los Angeles authorizes these funds for the following projects:

Department	Project Name	Project Funding
Fire	CBRNE Equipment	\$ 25,000
	Hazardous Materials Equipment	\$ 35,000
	Hazardous Materials Training	\$ 40,000
	Urban Search and Rescue Equipment	\$ 100,000
Police	TDMA Licensing	\$ 1,000,000
	Flight Simulator	\$ 174,850
	Temporary Fencing System	\$ 22,095
	LACPCA Vehicle Barriers	\$ 57,764
	Total Awarded Project Funding	\$ 1,454,709

UASI 2021 Fire Department Projects:

The grant will support an increase in core capabilities for both our Hazardous Materials (HazMat) and Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) response teams through the purchase of new equipment and for required training. The Glendale Fire Department has maintained the California 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 US&R is a Type-1 Heavy and part of California Regional Task Force 4 and is also part of the State Mutual Aid system to provide technical rescue operations for structure collapse, high angle rope rescue, confined space, and mass transportation rescue.

The approved funding will replace and improve detection and response equipment and provide specialized training for new and existing members of both 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 US&R training courses include subjects 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 2021 Police Department Projects:

TDMA LICENSING

The TDMA licensing project upgrades the capabilities of the ICI System core and two of our radio sites, resulting in increased call-carrying capacity in the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys. By expanding, and up to doubling, the number of voice paths available to radio system users in these areas, the likelihood of circumstances where a user must wait to talk after pushing the button will be reduced or even eliminated.

Flight Simulator:

The Police Department received approval to procure a flight simulator. A flight simulator would provide the Air Support Unit the ability to replicate critical flight conditions and configurations from which accidents typically occur without the expense and/or risk associated with replicating those conditions in actual flight. Examples of conditions for which crewmembers would not otherwise train with realism include inadvertent instrument meteorological conditions (IIMC – a leading cause of accidents), simulated engine failures in precarious phases of flight, tail rotor failures, vortex ring state/settling with power, and various other critical systems failures. The opportunity for such repetitive training would provide crew members invaluable experience in critical decision making and help build instinctive reactions often required to deal with an in-flight emergency.

The “PHS” simulator from Platinum Simulators Inc. is the only option found to match our current model aircraft (MD500 series), as well as our current avionics configuration (Garmin G500/GTN650). Additionally, the “PHS” is the only model simulator to come standard with multiple preprogrammed helicopter platforms, including our current initial training aircraft (Robinson R-22) and potential future aircraft (Airbus H-125). Because the “PHS” is an FAA Approved Aviation Training Device (AATD), pilots would be able to log simulated flight time toward certifications and/or ratings.

Temporary Fencing System

A temporary fencing system addresses current deficiencies in critical equipment needed to protect soft targets, crowded places, infrastructure, and key resources. Tangle tape provides first responders with the equipment necessary to control pedestrian and vehicle traffic and to protect critical infrastructure and key resources by placing temporary barriers along perimeters at any location during violent protests and civil unrest events.

Los Angeles County Police Chiefs’ Association (LACPCA) Vehicle Barriers

The acquisition of LACPCA vehicle barriers addresses current deficiencies in critical equipment needed to protect soft targets and crowded places. Anti-vehicle barrier and trailer equipment provides temporary barriers to offer first responders the ability to set up perimeters at any location for crowd control and restrict vehicle access in the event of peaceful demonstrations, protests or civil unrest. They provide first responders the ability to allow for authorized vehicles to enter restricted access areas and the protection of pedestrians against unauthorized vehicles that may try to enter areas of crowded places.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The UASI 2021 funding received is \$1,454,709 and the flight simulator equipment will cost \$209,000, of which neither were included as part of the FY2022-23 approved budget. As the flight simulator equipment costs more than what was approved by the UASI grant for that specific project, \$174,850 will be funded by the grant and \$34,150 will be funded by Police's Asset Forfeiture Public Safety. Therefore, staff is requesting for an appropriation of 1,454,709 from the Federal Grant revenue and \$34,150 from the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Public Safety. In addition, future costs for the continued maintenance, support, updates, upgrades, and licensing of the simulator will be requested by the Police Department in its budget and approved by the City Council as part of the annual citywide budget process. This is a reimbursement grant and requires no matching funds. The appropriation request is outlined below:

Requesting Appropriation:			
Amount	From (Account String)	To (Account String)	Funding Source
\$200,000	GL: 31240-2650-GFD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GFD00792AG		Fire Grant Fund – Fire Federal Funding
\$160,000		GL: 45150-2650-GFD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GFD00792AG	Fire Grant Fund – Fire Furniture & Equipment
\$40,000		GL: 44650-2650-GFD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GFD00792AG	Fire Grant Fund – Fire Training
\$1,000,000	GL: 31240-6600-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GPD00793AG		GPD Wireless Fund – Police Federal Funding

\$1,000,000		GL: 51000-6600-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GPD00793AG	GPD Wireless Fund – Police Capital Outlay
\$254,709	GL: 31240-2610-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GPD00794AG		Police Special Grant Fund – Police Federal Funding
\$22,095		GL: 45150-2610-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GPD00794AG	Police Special Grant Fund Furniture & Equipment
\$232,614		GL: 51000-2610-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: GPD00794AG	Police Special Grant Fund – Police Capital Outlay
\$34,150	GL: 24211-2600-GPD-0000-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: N/A		Asset Forfeiture Fund – Public Safety
\$34,150		GL: 51000-2600-GPD-0020-P0000-T0000-F0000-0000-0000- PL: G65008	Asset Forfeiture Fund – Police Capital Outlay

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

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

In accordance with the City Campaign Finance Ordinance No. 5744, the following are the names and business addresses of the members of the board of directors, the chairperson,

CEO, COO, CFO, Subcontractors, and any person or entity with more than 10% interest in the company proposed for contract in this Agenda Item Report:

Officers of Platinum Simulators Inc.:

Full Name	Title	Business Address	City	State	Zip
Pedro Gonzalez	Owner	1945 Camino Vida Roble Ste. L	Carlsbad	CA	92008
Terry Simpkins	CEO	1945 Camino Vida Roble Ste. L	Carlsbad	CA	92008

Ownership Interest in more than 10% in Platinum Simulators Inc.:

Full Name	Title	Business Address	City	State	Zip
Pedro Gonzalez	Owner	1945 Camino Vida Roble Ste. L	Carlsbad	CA	92008

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Approve as requested by the Fire and Police Departments.

Alternative 2: Deny the Fire and Police Department's request. If the request is denied, the City will not be able to utilize the grant funding for the approved projects.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

None.