



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. Motion to accept additional grant funds in the amount of \$225,000 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 \$225,000 from the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for March 28, 2023 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To accept \$225,000 in additional grant funds received from the United States Department of Homeland Security 2020 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the motion accepting \$225,000 in additional grant funding from the 2020 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program and approve a resolution of appropriation.

BACKGROUND

The City of Glendale has been successful in obtaining an additional \$225,000 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 (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 FY20 UASI grant program are for the purposes of continuing efforts to enhance public safety 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 2021, the City received \$270,000 for the Radio System Capacity Maintenance project. The additional funding received brings the total project funding to \$495,000. The funding will be allocated to upgrade the capacity at Glendale's existing interoperable communications radio repeater site located at Hauser Peak. The upgrade consists of adding hardware, software and licensing that will increase the volume of radio calls that can be processed simultaneously at the site. The expansion of call-carrying capacity at the Hauser Peak radio site will allow additional radio calls within its service area. The unique location of this site provides radio coverage into north Los Angeles County, specifically the Antelope Valley, 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 mutual aid response, police pursuit, while responding into the area for an unusual occurrence, during surveillance activities, or while otherwise operating in these regions. Increased capacity will result in fewer occasions where a radio channel is unavailable and communications delayed. 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. 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.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

The expansion of call-carrying capacity at the Hauser Mountain radio site will allow additional radio calls within its service area. The unique location of this site provides radio coverage into Antelope Valley and High Desert region, 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.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The additional UASI 2020 grant award is \$225,000, which was not included as part of the FY2022-23 approved budget. The grant does not require matching funds. Therefore, staff is requesting for an appropriation of \$225,000 from grant revenue. The appropriation request is outlined below:

Requesting Appropriation			
Amount	From (Account String)	To (Account String)	Funding Source
\$225,000	31240-6600-GPD-0020-P0000-GPD00536CG	51000-6600-GPD-0020-P0000-GPD00536CG	Wireless Fund

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

This action: (1) is exempt from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the actions will have a significant effect on the environment; and (2) is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(4) because it constitutes a governmental fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Each of the foregoing provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance and, when viewed collectively, provides an overall basis for CEQA compliance.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Approve as requested by the Police Department.
Alternative 2: Not approve the requests of the Police Department.
Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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Approved by:

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

None.