



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Rick Otto, City Manager

FROM: Thomas C. Kisela, Chief of Police

1. SUBJECT

Agreement with the City of Santa Ana for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant.

2. SUMMARY

The Anaheim/Santa Ana Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program is an agreement for transfer or purchase of equipment and services needed to manage and organize preparedness activities attributed to acts of terrorism and other threats.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the agreement with the City of Santa Ana for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant and authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Provide for a safe community

c: Enhance the emergency management system to provide public safety during times of disaster.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Anaheim/Santa Ana Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program provides funds to state and local agencies to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events by focusing on a range of preparedness activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchases, training, and exercises. These activities can only be realized through information sharing and collaboration between local and federal agencies seeking to reduce the risks posed by terrorism. Such activities require careful planning and training geared towards evolving threats identified in the below four priority areas.

- 1) Enhancing cybersecurity
- 2) Enhancing protection of soft targets/crowded places
- 3) Enhancing information/intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including

the Department of Homeland Security

4) Addressing emergent threats

To support the UASI grant program, the Orange Police Department currently has 87 Terrorism Liaison Officers trained to report suspicious activity that may be encountered during the course of his or her normal duties. In addition, key personnel participate in regional training exercises to prepare and improve our ability to respond to complex threats. Regional training program objectives ensure training programs are delivered to accomplish core capabilities and heightened awareness levels that address the above priority levels among first responders.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services' performance period for the Anaheim/Santa Ana Urban Area is September 1, 2019 through May 31, 2022. However, the Sub-Recipient performance period for the FY19 UASI Grant Program is April 9, 2020 through March 31, 2022. The agreement allows officers to participate in eligible training courses maintained by Homeland Security at no cost. Due to a reduced UASI grant allocation, reimbursement for overtime and backfill for training is no longer being offered. The UASI grant is a transfer agreement that provides unique equipment, training, planning, and exercise needs with no monetary value. Additionally, the transfer agreement is a required condition to maintain federally funded equipment acquired through the UASI grant program. Current equipment acquired through the UASI grant program is maintained at the Orange Police Department and includes automatic license plate readers, mobile radios, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) equipment, and most recently, a CERT trailer.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- FY19 UASI Agreement