



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Tom Kisela, City Manager

FROM: Sean deMetropolis, Fire Chief

1. SUBJECT

Agreement with the City of Santa Ana for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant; and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk 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 six priority areas.

- 1) Enhancing cybersecurity
- 2) Enhancing protection of soft targets/crowded places
- 3) Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security
- 4) Combating domestic violent extremism

- 5) Enhancing community preparedness and resilience
- 6) Enhancing election security

To support the UASI grant program, the Orange Police Department currently has about 59 Terrorism Liaison Officers trained to report suspicious activity that may be encountered during the course of their 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, 2023 through May 31, 2025. However, the Sub-Recipient performance period for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY23) UASI Grant Program is September 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026. 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 a CERT trailer.

7. ATTACHMENT

- Agreement with the City of Santa Ana for the FY23 UASI grant.