



# CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



July 19, 2022

## ITEM TITLE

Grant Acceptance and Appropriation: Accept and Appropriate \$68,022 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program

**Report Number:** 22-0203

**Location:** No specific geographic location

**Department:** Finance

**Environmental Notice:** The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

## Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution accepting grant funds in the amount of \$68,022 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be used for Urban Area Security Initiative training and appropriating the funds for that purpose. **(4/5 vote required)**

## SUMMARY

The San Diego Office of Homeland Security, who administers the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), has notified the City of Chula Vista of fiscal year 2021 UASI funding. The UASI addresses the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas. This funding will be used to fund training.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

## BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

## **DISCUSSION**

One of the core missions of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is to enhance the ability of state, territory, local, and tribal governments to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other disasters. As first responders to emergency incidents, the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments have benefited greatly from several Federal Homeland Security Grants. The fiscal year 2021 UASI (FY2021 UASI) provides funding for the continued development of readiness and operational response capacity of Police and Fire first responder personnel. UASI grant administrators from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) have approved the expenditure plan for equipment, planning and training needs of the City. The spending plan was submitted in advance of funding approval in accordance with grant requirements. Grant funds are restricted as to how they can be spent and cannot supplant normal budgetary items for the City. The FY2021 UASI grant will fund training for both the Police and Fire Departments.

## **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, *et seq.*).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter

## **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this resolution will result in a one-time appropriation of \$68,022 to the Supplies & Services category of the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund. The funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will completely offset these costs. Therefore, there is no net fiscal impact to the City.

## **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for accepting these grant funds.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. FY21 Chula Vista UASI Award Letter

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