



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Christopher Monestier

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

2024/2025 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program

**SUMMARY:**

Ordinance authorizing the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM) to apply for, accept, and appropriate upon award up to \$3,208,720 from the 2024/2025 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program, and authorizes a total personnel complement of three positions.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This grant program is designed to enhance the region's ability to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of international terrorism impacting the San Antonio Urban Area (SAUA). The SAUA encompasses the City, Bexar County, the surrounding 13 counties and suburban cities within these counties. This grant will support the San Antonio Fire and Police Departments special response teams, the Office of Emergency Management, the SAPD's South Texas Regional Fusion Center, and Cybersecurity. If awarded, these grant funds will become available October 1, 2024, with a 2-year performance period.

On March 26, 2024, the 12-member San Antonio Urban Area (SAUA) working group to review and rank regional projects in preparation of the release of the 2024 Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

On April 16, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security released the 2024 NOFO announcing that the San Antonio Urban Area was conditionally awarded \$3,410,728 for 2024-2025. The Department of Human Services funding decision is based on an annual risk assessment that determines an urban area's risk of a terrorist attack among the top 100 urban areas.

The San Antonio Urban Area (SAUA) is expected to be awarded \$3,410,728 for the 2024-2025 grant year as follows:

- Office of the Governor: \$102,326 for Management and Administration of the grant program on behalf of FEMA
- City of San Antonio: \$2,673,933
- Bexar County: \$465,286, and
- Other jurisdictions: \$169,183.

This council action authorizes the City of San Antonio to accept funds up to an amount of \$3,208,720. This figure is higher than the amount the City of San Antonio is anticipated to receive in the event the Office of the Governor awards unspent funds from other jurisdictions within the San Antonio Urban Area or the State

Below is a breakdown of how the City prioritized funding based on the Department of Homeland Security's 2024/2025 funding priorities.

- Grant ID 2963710 – Southwest Texas Regional Fusion Center (\$125,000)
- Grant ID 3434908 – SAPD/LE Regional Response Teams (\$1,043,362)
- Grant ID 3435008 – SAFD Regional Response Teams (915,324)
- Grant ID 3697507 – ITSD Cyber Security Projects (\$307,550)
- Grant ID 5250001 – Homeland Security Strategic Planning (\$35,000)
- Grant ID 3434408 – Management and Administration Costs (2 FTE) (\$133,697)
- Grant ID 4570803 – Domestic Violence Extremism Planning and Preparedness (1 FTE) (\$114,000)

This ordinance approves a personnel complement of three (3) positions: An accountant to complete all accounting, budgeting, and financial compliance of the UASI grant program; a Senior Management Analyst to assist with the administration of the Homeland Security Grant Program managing the planning, implementation, and progress of UASI projects; and a Senior Management Coordinator to assist the City in implementing Domestic Violence Extremism for Emergency Management Planning and Preparedness. These positions are authorized upon receipt of the 2024/2025 UASI award for a period of 1 year.

## **ISSUE:**

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Initiative (UASI) Grant Program, and authorizes a total personnel complement of three positions.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation upon award of up to \$3,208,720 from the 2024/2025 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program, and authorizes a personnel complement of three (3) positions. This grant does not require a cash match or an in-kind contribution from the City.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.