



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the San Antonio Fire Department Office of Emergency Management to apply and accept upon award up to \$3,779,702 from the 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. This Ordinance approves 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. Project funding with this grant will support the San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Fire Department's special response teams, the Office of Emergency Management, and the South Texas Regional Fusion Center.

Below is a breakdown of projects to be funded with this grant totaling \$3,149,752.00 based of the Department of Homeland Security's 2024 funding priorities:

- SAFD/Fire Services (\$984,260) – Provides funding to procure items for the San Antonio Fire Department special teams such as HazMat, Medical Special Operations Unit, Wildland Team, Rescue Team and Boat Team.
- IISC - Southwest Texas Regional Fusion Center (\$364,100) – Provides funding to support the Fusion Center.
- Management & Administration M&A (\$79,700) (1 FTE) – Provides funding for one position to procure items, maintain inventory, and process payments and reimbursement under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant.
- ST/CP - SAPD/LE Regional Response Capabilities (\$737,000) – Provides funds to be used for Law enforcement funding for Police Special Teams such as SWAT, Bomb Squad and Tactical Medical response.
- Election Security Project (\$115,000) – Provides funding for efforts to include physical security planning support, physical/site security measures (lock, shatter proof glass, alarms, etc.) and general election security navigator support.
- Domestic Violence Extremism Planning and Preparedness (\$115,000) (1 FTE) – Provides funding for one position for the Region 20 outreach program to assist the City in implementing Domestic Violence Extremism Emergency Management Planning and Preparedness.
- Emergency Management Activities (\$318,692) – Provides funds to update the Video wall at the EOC.
- Community Preparedness and Resiliency (\$115,000) (1 FTE) – Provides funds for one position for Community Outreach/Community Preparedness and Resiliency.
- Regional Cyber Security Program (\$321,000) – Provides funding for a program to protect cyber and physical critical infrastructure.

This Ordinance approves a total personnel complement of three grant funded positions and will be funded upon receipt of the 2024 UASI award.

The amount in this ordinance of \$3,779,702 is higher than the total projects listed above, this provides authority to the City to accept additional funds in the event unspent balances from other jurisdictions become available.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes Office of Emergency Management to submit a 2024 UASI grant application to receive up to \$3,779,702 in UASI grant funding. This grant does not require a cash match or an in-kind contribution from the city.

These grant funds will become available October 1, 2023 with a 2-year performance period.

SAOEM is requesting for approval up to \$3,779,702 which is 20% above the awarded grant amount because if another jurisdiction fails to spend their award within the allotted time, the Office of the Governor has the ability to remove the balance of unspent funds and award to the City of San Antonio.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation upon award of up to \$3,779,702 from the 2024 UASI Grant Program and authorizes a personnel complement three positions. The award of this grant does not require cash matching or an in-kind contribution from the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.