



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

SUMMARY:

Ordinance authorizing the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM) to apply for and accept, upon award, up to \$1,000,000.00 from the 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is a core assistance program that provides funds to build capabilities at the State, local, tribal, and territorial levels, to enhance resilience to absorb disruptions and rapidly recover from incidents both natural and human made.

This grant program is a regional program that would enhance the region's capability to prevent, respond, and recover from acts of international terrorism and "all hazards" disasters. The Alamo Area Council of Government (AACOG) region encompasses the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and the surrounding 13 counties and suburban cities within these counties.

AACOG's Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) met in February 2023 and recommended to the Office of the Governor (OOG) to fund the following projects in amount of \$855,521.92:

- Law Enforcement Regional Response Capabilities (\$398,321.26): Provides funding for Law Enforcement Special Teams such as SWAT, Bomb Squad and Tactical Medical response.
- Domestic Violence Extremism: Homeland Security Strategic Planning (\$216,211.08) - Homeland Security Strategic Funds will be used to hire a consultant to assist with regional planning to include conducting a community risk assessment for the region that will focus on domestic violent extremism and updating the Homeland Security Strategic Plan, Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), and State Preparedness report as well as other homeland security planning activities.
- Information and Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation (\$240,990.58): Provides funding for data fusion which involves the exchange of information from different sources including law enforcement, public safety, and the private sector.

The grant application of up to \$1 Million allows the City to accept additional funds, should the Office of the Governor allocate unspent from other jurisdictions.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the Office of Emergency Management to submit an application to receive up to \$1,000,000 in 2023 SHSP grant funding. These funds will sustain, as well as enhance current homeland security preparedness and response capabilities.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation upon award of up to \$1,000,000 from the 2023 SHSP Grant Program. 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.