



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Charles Hood, Fire Chief

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

2022 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 \$2,800,000 from the 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) 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 of San Antonio, Bexar County, the surrounding 13 counties and suburban cities within these counties. Project funding with this grant support the City of San Antonio Emergency Response Teams, South Texas Regional Fusion Center, and Cybersecurity.

On May 13, 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the 2022 Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing that the SAUA was conditionally awarded \$3,800,000 for 2022. DHS 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 12-member SAUA Working Group (SAUAWG) (governance body) met on March 23, 2022 to review and rank regional projects based off the FY 2021 award of \$3,800,000 and National priorities (see below for a breakdown of funding). These grant funds will become available October 1, 2022 with a 2-year performance period.

SAUA is expected to be awarded \$3,800,000 for 2022 grant year. Of the \$3.8 Million, Texas will receive \$190,000.00 for Management and Administration (M&A) for this grant program on behalf of FEMA. The remaining amount will be distributed in the following manner: the City will receive \$2,420,064; Bexar County will receive \$633,015; and the other jurisdictions will receive \$556,921.

Below is a breakdown how the City of San Antonio \$2.4 million allocation based on Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2022 funding priorities.

- Southwest Texas Regional Fusion Center (\$190,000)
- SAFD Protection of Crowded Places and Soft Targets (\$824,234)
- SAPD Protection of Crowded Places and Soft Targets (\$610,330)
- Domestic Terrorism and Violence Extremism (\$150,000)
- Regional Cyber Security (\$200,000)
- Community Preparedness and Resiliency (\$218,522)
- Management and Administration (\$111,978) – One fiscal support staff
- Emergency Management and EOC Sustainment (\$115,000)

If Bexar County and the other jurisdiction fail to spend their award within the allotted time, the OOG will remove the balance of unspent funds and award to the City of San Antonio. As such, this ordinance would authorize an amount of up to \$2.8 Million from the 2022 UASI Grant Program.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the San Antonio Fire Department Office of Emergency Management to submit a 2022 UASI grant application to receive up to \$2,800,000 in UASI grant funding. These funds will sustain, as well as enhance, current homeland security preparedness and response capabilities.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The 2022 UASI grant funds provide an opportunity for the City to continue to receive funding to enhance its ability to prevent, respond, and recover from acts of international terrorism impacting the San Antonio Urban Area.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This authorizes the appropriation upon award of up to \$2.8 million from the 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. The award of this grant does not require a cash match or an in-kind contribution from the City.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.