



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: 11/18/2014

AGENDA OF: 12/9/2014

DEPARTMENT: Police

SUBJECT: 2015 Homeland Security Grant Funding – Budget Adjustment (PD/FD)

RECOMMENDATION: Resolution to accept Homeland Security Grant funding in the amount of \$251,293 for the purchase of a regional emergency response and rescue vehicle and amend the FY 2015 budget in the amount \$251,293.

BACKGROUND: The United States Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) consolidated the separate San Jose, Oakland, and San Francisco Urban Areas into a combined Bay Area Urban Area (“UASI Region”) for the purpose of application for and allocation and distribution of federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (“UASI”) program grant funds.

The Bay Area Urban Area Approval Authority (“Approval Authority”) was established as the Urban Area Working Group (“UAWG”) for the UASI Region, to provide overall governance of the homeland security grant program across the UASI Region, to coordinate development and implementation of all UASI program initiatives, and to ensure compliance with all UASI program requirements.

The UASI General Manager is responsible for implementing and managing the policy and program decisions of the Approval Authority, directing the work of the UASI Management Team personnel, and performing other duties as determined and directed by the Approval Authority.

The City and County of San Francisco has been designated as the grantee for UASI funds granted by the DHS through the California Office of Emergency Services (“Cal OES”) to the UASI Region, with responsibility to establish procedures and execute subgrant agreements for the distribution of UASI program grant funds to jurisdictions selected by the Approval Authority to receive grant funding.

San Francisco has been designated to serve as the fiscal agent for the Approval Authority, and to establish procedures and provide all financial services for distribution of UASI program grant funds within the UASI Region.

The UASI recognized that the Santa Cruz region did not have an appropriately equipped emergency response and rescue vehicle. Pursuant to grant allocation decisions by the Approval Authority, the UASI Management Team has asked San Francisco to distribute a portion of the

regional UASI grant funds to the Santa Cruz Police Department to equip the Santa Cruz region with an appropriate emergency response and rescue vehicle. The City of Santa Cruz will be required to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City and County of San Francisco for the distribution of the UASI funds. UASI will fund up to \$220,000 toward this project.

Additional funding will include the dedication of our 2013 allotment of monies distributed to Santa Cruz County by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This funding is provided annually from the Homeland Security Grant Program intended to provide financial assistance for the purchase of various types of specialized equipment to enhance the capabilities of local agencies to respond to critical incidents and threats. Under the FY 2014 program, Santa Cruz County received \$297,596 to share among first responder agencies. Through a predetermined formula, the Santa Cruz Police Department will receive \$31,293 of this allocation. The funds are distributed through the Santa Cruz County Anti-Terrorism Approval Authority. The Approval Authority was established with representatives of county public safety agencies to provide guidance for the expenditure of these funds. The Police Department proposed contributing our annual allotment toward this project. The project meets the stated goals of the Homeland Security Grant Program and was granted approval for the expenditure.

Combining these two sources of funding, gives a total of \$251,293 to cover procurement cost for the vehicle.

The use of this vehicle is consistent with the Police Department's current training and integration of emergency medical personnel from the Fire Department in a high-risk environment. The two departments have been cross-training and have developed a collaborative team capable of response and rescues in threshold incidents. This cross-disciplinary integration is consistent with anticipated mandates coming from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The proposed rescue vehicle is a significant piece of this successful partnership.

Additional recognition of the critical need and backing for this project came by way of support from:

Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Association
Santa Cruz County Police Chief's Association
Sam Farr, United States House of Representatives

DISCUSSION: The Police Department and the Santa Cruz region have a critical need for a contemporary rescue vehicle to safely transport and deploy first responders to hazardous situations where public safety is jeopardized. A key function of this vehicle is the ability to safely extract injured and at-risk victims from a high-risk environment. The vehicle is designed to provide maximum protection for first responders and crime victims. It is intended for use in emergency events including, but not limited to life-threatening public safety events, natural disasters, mass casualty incidents, high-risk medical emergencies.

As stated in the agreement, Santa Cruz will provide regional rescue vehicle availability and response capability for appropriate emergency medical and law enforcement agencies.

The Santa Cruz Police Department was selected as the area grantee in part, for the existing critical need coupled with our exceptional response and situational competencies. Those

competencies include our extended cross-training with, and integration of, emergency medical responders in high risk situations. Additional consideration included the designation of our beach areas as a protected Federal Buffer Zone and the increased potential for public safety threats.

Additional factors in the consideration of Santa Cruz for this project are consistent with the DHS strategy used in comparable locations for regional deployment. The City of Santa Cruz not only serves as the county seat, but is also significantly impacted by additional population influxes created by major tourism destinations and a University of California campus. These factors are consistent with other full-service California cities that have obtained and successfully deployed regional rescue vehicles under this program. Some examples of comparable cities that have successfully obtained and deployed a regional rescue vehicle include Santa Barbara, Huntington Beach, Pasadena, Pomona, Redondo Beach, San Luis Obispo, and Visalia.

FISCAL IMPACT: As this is a reimbursement grant, there is no net impact to the General Fund.

Prepared by:
Steve Clark
Deputy Chief of Police

Submitted by:
Kevin Vogel
Chief of Police

Submitted by:
Jeff Trapp
Fire Chief

Approved by:
Martin Bernal
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:
Budget Adjustment