

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor's Office dated June 23, 2023

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2023 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to submit the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY 2023 UASI) grant application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, for the estimated \$53,932,030 allocation;
2. Adopt the Governing Body Resolution provided as Attachment A to this report to designate the City entities that will apply for and manage Federal financial assistance provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and sub-granted through the State of California; and,
3. Request the Mayor's Office to report back with the necessary actions to approve and accept the FY 2023 UASI award, once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the DHS, subject to Mayor and Council approval.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety (Mayor's Office) is providing notification to the City Council of the submission of the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY 2023 UASI) grant with an estimated \$53,932,030 allocation and an anticipated grant period of September 1, 2023 through May 23, 2026. The Mayor's Office also requests authority to adopt the Governing Body Resolution, which is provided as Attachment A to this report. Detailed funding information for specific projects under the FY 2023 UASI grant is unknown at this time and the Mayor's Office will release a separate report once the award notification is received.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a solicitation for the FY 2023 UASI grant on

February 27, 2023. The DHS awards funds to the State Administrative Agent, which is the Cal OES for the State of California, who in turns disperses the funds to the Urban Areas.

Application Process

The UASI grant application is developed through collaboration with public safety agencies representing the Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) Urban Area jurisdiction. The Urban Area Working Group, which is made up of 18 voting representatives from jurisdictions in the Urban Area, sets homeland security objectives, proposes programs to meet those objectives, and presents funding requests to meet each objective. The draft application is then reviewed and ratified by an 11-member Approval Authority, which represents the LA/LB Urban Area jurisdiction and includes four City of Los Angeles representatives. The LA/LB Urban Area Governance Structure is included as Attachment B to this report. The Mayor's Office serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for all UASI awards and submits all grant applications and related documents on behalf of the LA/LB Urban Area jurisdiction.

The primary Investment Justifications (IJs) for the FY 2023 UASI application were developed by the Working Group with concurrence from the Approval Authority, taking into consideration the core capabilities and gaps of the LA/LB Urban Area and based on feedback provided by the Cal OES and the DHS. The IJs are listed below:

Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative Investment Justifications

1. Strengthen interoperable and communications capabilities
2. Strengthen information sharing, collaboration capabilities, and law enforcement investigations
- 2A. Fusion Center/Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) staff training
3. Protection of critical infrastructure and key resources (limited to commercial airports and seaports)
4. Catastrophic incident planning response and recovery

Governing Body Resolution

As part of the application, the Cal OES requires the submission of the Governing Body Resolution (GBR), which is included as Attachment A to this report. The GBR authorizes specified Los Angeles City Officials to execute for, and on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining Federal assistance under FY 2023 UASI. The Mayor's Office will return to the City Council to request authority to accept the grant once the award notification is received from the Cal OES. At that time, detailed information regarding the funding for specific projects under the FY 2023 UASI award will be identified along with the allocations for each jurisdiction within the LA/LB Urban Area.

Recommendation 3 of this report also differs from Recommendation 3 of the Mayor's transmittal dated June 23, 2023. The Mayor's Office will be the administrator of the FY 2023 UASI grant and

as a result, the Mayor's Office will report back with the necessary actions to approve and accept the FY 2023 UASI award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the DHS. The Mayor's Office concurs with this revision.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund. No matching funds are required of this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The City's Financial Polices are not applicable to the report recommendations, since no funding commitment is being made at this time. Approval of the recommendations in this report will allow the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to submit the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant application.

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Attachments

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THAT:

Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Office of Public Safety, OR

Grants Director, Mayor's Office of Public Safety, OR

Assistant Grants Director, Mayor's Office of Public Safety, OR

Chief Legislative Analyst, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, or His/Her Designee, OR

City Administrative Officer, Office of the City Administrative Officer, or His/Her Designee,

are hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, a public entity as established under the laws of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance under the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) FY 2023, as well as prior year UASI grants (FY 2006, FY 2007, FY 2008, FY 2009, FY 2010, FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY 2022) provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Certification

I, Holly L. Wolcott, duly appointed and City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

CITY CLERK

Holly L. Wolcott

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT: Los Angeles- Long Beach Urban Area Governance Structure

Working Group (18 members)

City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Police Department: 2 members

Los Angeles Fire Department: 2 members

Los Angeles Airport Police: 1 member

Los Angeles Port Police: 1 member

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power: 1 member

Emergency Management Department: 1 member

City of Long Beach

Long Beach Police Department: 1 member

Long Beach Fire Department: 1 member

Long Beach Health Department: 1 member

Long Beach Port Police: 1 member

County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: 1 member

Los Angeles County Fire Department: 1 member

Los Angeles County Health Department: 1 member

Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management: 1 member

Independent Jurisdictions

Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association: 1 member

Los Angeles County Fire Chiefs Association: 1 member

Urban Area Approval Authority (11 members)

City of Los Angeles Police Chief

City of Los Angeles Fire Chief

City of Los Angeles Airport Police Chief

City of Los Angeles Port Police Chief

City of Long Beach Police Chief

City of Long Beach Director of Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Communications

Los Angeles County Sheriff

Los Angeles County Fire Chief

Los Angeles County Director of Health Services

Los Angeles County Independent Police Chiefs Association President

Los Angeles County Independent Fire Chiefs Association President