

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

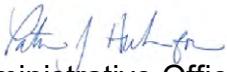
Date: August 21, 2024

CAO File No. 0220-03695-0307

Council File No. 21-1320

Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor's Office dated April 4, 2024

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2021 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT – CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:

- a. Negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to upgrade the security camera system at Los Angeles City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$111,753, and for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
- b. Negotiate and execute a contract with Peraton Remotec, Inc., to upgrade the LAPD robotic bomb squad equipment in an amount not to exceed \$320,046, and for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,
- c. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety (Mayor's Office) requests authority to modify the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant budget through proposed contracting authorities.

The FY 2021 UASI grant acceptance, as approved by Council on May 20, 2022, had a grant performance period of September 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024, and provided a total allocation of \$55,420,000 that is distributed among the City of Los Angeles (City) and Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area (LA/LB UA) Partner Jurisdictions. While the grant funds are provided to the entire LA/LB UA, the City serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for the grant and receives the total allocation to distribute the grant funds in accordance with the approved grant budget. No matching

funds are required for this grant. A detail of the FY 2021 UASI Investment Justifications and programmatic funding can be found in previous reports under C.F. 21-1320.

The Mayor's Office stated that due to the lingering effects of the pandemic, e.g., staffing issues, supply chain delays and commodity price inflation, the Office requested a no-cost extension of the grant performance period through May 31, 2025, in order to provide sufficient time to properly implement the respective grant initiatives, as well as expend the allocated funds. The grantor, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, approved the grant performance period extension on February 16, 2024.

The content and recommendations in this report differ from the original Mayoral transmittal dated April 4, 2024, as the Cybersecurity Policy Director position and related funding are no longer being requested by the Mayor's Office.

FY21 UASI Requested Contracting Authorities

Los Angeles Police Department

City Hall Security Cameras

In the FY21 UASI, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) received \$111,753 to fund upgrades to the City Hall security camera system. These upgrades will enhance the system which provides coverage of the garage area and pedestrian hallways used by the Mayor, elected officials, City Hall staffers and visitors. This investment will provide for an enhanced level of security against unlawful entry and intrusion into this building.

Authority is requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to upgrade the security camera system at Los Angeles City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$111,753, and for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period.

Bomb Squad Enhanced Equipment

In the FY21 UASI, the LAPD was allocated \$320,046 in funding to provide upgrades to the Department's outdated bomb squad equipment. The existing equipment was designed and manufactured by Remotec Technology, LTD, now a subsidiary of Peraton, Inc., a national security contractor of unmanned robotic equipment. The funding will enable the Department to install and replace end-of-life robotic components, including electronics, drive systems, wiring, cameras, and a new controller system, on the existing robotic chassis. The allocated funding will also provide for training to certify officers in the maintenance and repair of the equipment.

Authority is requested to negotiate and execute a contract with Peraton Remotec, Inc., to upgrade the LAPD's unmanned robotic bomb squad equipment in an amount not to exceed \$320,046, and for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will provide for the continued expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2021 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant award for grant-related projects. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.

MWS:EFR:04250007