



June 23, 2023

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

**Re: Urban Areas Security Initiative FY 2023 Grant, Office of Homeland Security:
Notification of Submission of a Grant Application and Request for Adoption
of Governing Body Resolution**

Dear Honorable Members:

Each year, the City of Los Angeles applies for the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI) made available by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Once awarded, the grant funds are administered by my office and distributed throughout the Los Angeles/Long Beach areas.

Through this funding, public safety agencies are able to invest in areas of greatest need and provide our region with resources necessary for risk mitigation, enhanced preparedness, and increased resilience. The UASI grant application is developed through strategic planning among stakeholders and represents priorities identified for the upcoming UASI award.

As such, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety is providing notification to the City Council of the submission of a grant application for the Urban Areas Security Initiative Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23 UASI) per Section 14.6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

OVERVIEW

On February 27, 2023 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the Urban Areas throughout the nation that were eligible to apply for \$615 million through the FY23 UASI program with a grant performance period beginning on September 1, 2023 through May 23, 2026. DHS awards the funds to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Management (Cal OES) which act as the State Administrative Agent (SAA) and disperses

the federal funds to the urban areas. The Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area (LA/LB Urban Area) continues to receive one of the largest awards in the nation; this year receiving \$66,174,270. The UASI award does not require any cash or in-kind match.

UASI FY23 APPLICATION PROCESS

Investment Justifications

The UASI grant application is developed with input from public safety agencies (law, fire, emergency management, and health) representing the LA/LB Urban Area jurisdictions. The Urban Area Working Group, made up of eighteen voting representatives from jurisdictions across the Urban Area, sets forth homeland security objectives, proposes programs to meet those objectives, and presents funding requests to meet each objective for the application. This draft grant application is reviewed and ratified by an eleven member Approval Authority, which represents the Urban Area jurisdictions and includes four City of Los Angeles representatives (Attachment 1). The Mayor's Office of Public Safety 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 jurisdictions.

Similar to prior UASI applications, the Working Group recommended and the Approval Authority concurred on:

- Identifying the primary Investment Justifications (IJs) to be pursued;
- Defining criteria for project eligibility under those IJs;
- Providing clear direction to potential sub-grantees.

The LA/LB Urban Area IJs for FY23 UASI were developed by the Working Group and Approval Authority with consideration of the core capabilities and gaps of the LA/LB Urban Area and based on feedback provided by Cal OES and DHS.

The IJs that were recommended in FY23 UASI are identified below:

1. Strengthen interoperable and communications capabilities

Outcomes

- Continued development of regional interoperable communications systems and the maintenance of the administrative and physical means to communicate among responders.
- Expanding the functionality of existing communications systems which will support additional emergency response and administrative users.

2. Strengthen information sharing, collaboration capabilities, and law enforcement investigations

Outcomes

- Continuing to link and enhance Urban Area criminal and intelligence systems together

- Increasing analytical capability to detect and disrupt terrorist activity across linked databases and intelligence systems
- Expand Common Operational Platform Program capabilities to enhance information gathering, sharing, and incident management
- The procurement of equipment and training designed to enhance technological capabilities to support intelligence and criminal cases for the pursuit of terror networks and individuals

2A. Fusion Center/Joint Regional Intelligence Center

Outcomes

- Training for the intelligence community and Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLOs) across Urban Area jurisdictions
- Funding for analysts at the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC).

3. Protection of critical infrastructure and key resources (limited to commercial airports and seaports)

Outcomes

- Enhance transportation systems and maritime security
- Procure equipment, technologies, training and exercises designed to improve security at critical infrastructure and to combat threats of high consequences including CBRNE
- Resiliency (continuity of operations)
 - Integrate critical sub-systems (e.g. power, key roads, water, communications) into overall critical infrastructure security plans and operations
- Operations and maintenance of Homeland Security Grant Program acquired systems

4. Catastrophic incident planning response and recovery

Outcomes

- Procure equipment to enhance catastrophic incident response
- Catastrophic disaster response training & exercises
- Regional and interdisciplinary planning, training, and exercises to recover from catastrophic incidents
- Regional medical care capabilities
- Regional volunteer planning and training
- Regional community outreach program

Governing Body Resolution

The Cal OES requires the submission of the attached Governing Body Resolution (Attachment 2) as a part of the application package that is due to them. The Governing Body Resolution authorizes specified LA City Officials to execute for and on behalf of the City of Los Angeles any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance under the FY23 UASI.

When notified of an award, the Mayor's Office will return to City Council and request authority to accept its grant award share. At that time, detailed information will be provided regarding the specific projects to be funded under the FY23 UASI award and the allocations for each jurisdiction within the LA/LB Urban Area.

Recommendations

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to submit the FY 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, for the estimated \$53,932,030 allocation (after an anticipated 18.5% Cal OES pass through retention). The final amount will be made available within the acceptance transmittal;
2. **ADOPT** the attached Governing Body Resolution to designate the City entities that will apply for and manage Federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California; and
3. **INSTRUCT** the City Administrative Officer to report back with the necessary actions to approve and accept the FY23 UASI award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the Department of Homeland Security, subject to Council and Mayor approval.

Sincerely,



KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachments

- 1 Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area Governance Structure
- 2 Governing Body Resolution

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

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: _____