



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

April 4, 2024

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

Re: FY 2021 Urban Areas Security Initiative Contracting Authorities, Budget Modifications, and Re-appropriations (Council File No. 21-1320)

Dear Honorable Members:

The City of Los Angeles receives annual funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI). Grant funds are managed and administered by my office and distributed throughout the Los Angeles/Long Beach areas. This funding provides our region with the resources necessary for risk assessment and mitigation, enhanced preparedness, and increased resilience. Investments can be made in human capital, equipment, development and execution of training and exercises, among other targeted resources and needs.

Allocations are provided based on official estimates and forecasted spending. Actual costs may ultimately differ depending on a variety of variables, including shifting market rates, resource availability, and/or project duration. Additionally, some grant-funded projects and, therefore, costs may span fiscal years, or be invested in on an ongoing basis. As these investments are made, my office monitors spending rates and reallocates excessive or ongoing costs to ensure the efficient use of the funds.

As such, I am providing the attached report requesting contracting authorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass".

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

Attachment 1: Narrative & Recommendations

## **NARRATIVE & RECOMMENDATIONS UASI 2021**

Transmitted herewith for City Council consideration are proposed contracting authorities related to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fiscal Year 2021 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY21 UASI) grant award. On May 20, 2022, the City Council accepted the FY21 UASI grant in the amount of \$55,420,000 with a grant performance period from September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024 (Council File No. 21-1320).

Due to the nationwide residual and ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic—which include staffing issues, supply chain delays and price inflation—the Mayor’s Office submitted to the grantor a no-cost extension request of this grant with a performance period end date of May 31, 2025. On February 16, 2024, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services approved a grant performance period extension through May 31, 2025 for all projects.

### **Los Angeles Police Department**

#### ***City Hall Security Cameras***

In FY21 UASI, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) received an allocation of \$111,753 to fund upgrades to the security camera system at Los Angeles City Hall. This project would repair and enhance the security camera system within the Mayor’s Office Suite which covers the path used by the Mayor, elected officials, City Hall staffers and visitors through the garage and hallways. These measures seek to enhance the security of the Mayor’s Office to keep elected officials, their staff and visitors, as well as the historic Mayor’s Office suite, safe from a terrorist attack and other potential harm.

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 for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period.

#### ***Bomb Squad Enhanced Equipment***

In FY21 UASI, LAPD received an allocation of \$320,046 to fund upgrades to outdated bomb squad equipment which was previously designed and manufactured by Remotec, a subsidiary of Peraton. Grant funding would be used to install several new components to replace parts that have reached their end of life, including – but not limited to – an electronics package, wiring, drive systems, cameras, and a robotic arm. All systems would be installed on an existing chassis and then tuned with a new controller system. The upgrade will include a training course that will certify officers for the maintenance and repair of new systems.

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

### Los Angeles Cybersecurity

The Mayor's Office requests to utilize \$150,000 from existing Management & Administration grant funds to support a Cybersecurity Policy Director. This position, which was previously supported using UASI FY19, and UASI FY20 grant funds, will continue to work with the City's public and private sectors to operate and manage the LA Cyber Lab. The LA Cyber Lab is a public-private partnership dedicated to protecting personal and protected information from malicious cyber threats by facilitating and promoting innovation, education, and information sharing between the City's public and private sectors for the benefit of all our city's businesses and residents. Of the \$150,000, \$106,647.72 will be allocated to salaries and \$43,352.28 will be allocated to related fringe and benefits costs due to the general fund. This modification is pending Grantor approval.

Authority is requested to modify the FY21 UASI budget and conduct the necessary transfer of appropriations as noted above.

### **Recommendations**

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. **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 for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period;
  - b. Negotiate and execute a contract with Remotec to upgrade LAPD bomb squad equipment in an amount not to exceed \$320,046 for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period;
  - c. Utilize \$150,000 from existing Management and Administration to fund a Cybersecurity Policy Director.
2. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to:
  - a. Modify the existing grant budget (Council File No. 21-1320) for the FY21 UASI grant by reallocating funds between projects and conducting the necessary fiscal transfers as described within this report.
  - b. Appropriate \$150,000.00 from existing Management and Administration funds to support a Cybersecurity Policy Director from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, subject to the approval from the Grantor.
3. **Authorize** the Controller to:
  - a. Transfer appropriations within FY21 UASI Homeland Security Grant Program Fund No. 65R/46 as follows.

**TRANSFER FROM:**

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
65R/46	46V946	Grant Management & Administration	150,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$150,000.00</b>

**TRANSFER TO:**

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
65R/46	46Y146	Mayor	106,648.00
65R/46	46Y299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	43,352.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$150,000.00</b>

- b. Transfer appropriations within Fund 65R /46 to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/46	001020	Grant Reimbursed	106,648.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$106,648.00</b>

- c. Transfer up to \$43,352.00 from Fund **65R/46**, Account No. **46Y299** to the General Fund, Department No. 46, Revenue Source Code **No. 5346**, Related Cost Reimbursement for Grants for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits.
4. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.