



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

September 10, 2020

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

Re: Urban Areas Security Initiative FY 2020 Grant, Office of Homeland Security:  
Notification of Submission of a Grant Application and Request for Adoption of  
Governing Body Resolution

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 14.6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, 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 2020 (FY20 UASI). The Department of Homeland Security has issued a solicitation for the FY20 UASI Program in April of 2020. The final FY20 UASI award allocation is anticipated to be announced in Summer of 2020. The anticipated grant performance period will be September 2020 through May 2023, although the grant performance period start date is dependent on the award date.

#### **OVERVIEW**

As of the FY 2017 Grant Award, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has changed its application requirements which has impacted the application timeline. DHS awards the funds to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) which acts as the State Administrative Agent and disperses the federal funds to the urban areas. Due to this accelerated application timeline, Cal OES instructed the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area (LA/LB Urban Area) to submit its grant award application in advance of the release of the DHS solicitation, and to use the FY 2019 allocation as the estimate for project funding. Based on this guidance, the LA/LB Urban Area estimates receiving \$56,236,000, and has submitted its application based on that estimate. Actual allocations will be made available within the grant award acceptance transmittal. The UASI award does not require any cash or in-kind match.

## **UASI FY20 APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **Investment Justifications**

The UASI grant application is developed with input from public safety agencies (law, fire, emergency management, 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 the FY19 UASI application, 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 IJs for FY20 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 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The IJs that were recommended in FY20 UASI are identified below:

- 1. Strengthen interoperable and communications capabilities**

Outcomes

- Continued development of regional interoperable communications systems

- 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 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) requires the submission of the attached Governing Body Resolution (Attachment 2) as a part of the application package that is due to Cal OES. 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 FY20 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 FY20 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 2020 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 \$56,236,000 allocation. 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 FY20 UASI award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the Department of Homeland Security, subject to Council and Mayor approval.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachments

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