



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

November 5, 2021

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

Re: Urban Areas Security Initiative FY 2021 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 2021 (FY21 UASI). The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a solicitation for the FY21 UASI Program on February 19, 2021. The final FY21 UASI award allocation was announced on July 16, 2021. The anticipated grant performance period will be September 2021 through May 2024, although the grant performance period start date is dependent on the award date.

OVERVIEW

On February 19, 2021 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the 31 Urban Areas throughout the nation that were eligible to apply for \$615 million through the FY21 UASI program. DHS awards the funds to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Management (Cal OES) which act as the State Administrative Agent 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 \$68,000,000. The UASI award does not require any cash or in-kind match.

UASI FY21 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 the FY20 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 LA/LB Urban Area IJs for FY21 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 FY21 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 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 FY21 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 FY21 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 2021 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 \$55,420,000 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 FY21 UASI award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the Department of Homeland Security, subject to Council and Mayor approval.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI
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 2021, 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, and FY 2020) provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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 _____, 2021.

CITY CLERK

Holly L. Wolcott

Date: _____