



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

May 12, 2023

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

Re: FY 2020 Urban Areas Security Initiative Contracting Authorities and Budget Modifications (Council File No. 20-1156)

Dear Honorable Members:

Each year the City of Los Angeles receives funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI). The grant funds are managed and administered by my office and distributed throughout the Los Angeles/Long Beach areas. Careful monitoring and project management takes place to fully expend these funds and invest in areas of greatest need. As a result, this funding helps to provide our region with resources necessary for risk mitigation, enhanced preparedness, and increased resilience. Investments can be made in human capital, equipment, development and execution of training and exercises, capital projects, among other 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 works to monitor spending rates and reallocates excess or ongoing costs to ensure complete and efficient use of the funds.

As such, I am requesting the following contracting authorities in order to accommodate cost adjustments necessary for contacted services:

- UASI 20 Contracting Authority - Increase contracting authority to \$290,938 with IBM for an automated threat sharing platform; decrease contracting

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authority to the amount of \$39,062 for a Regional Cyber Services Coordinator; decrease contracting authority to the amount of \$150,000 for a Regional Communications ISSI Coordinator; and decrease contracting authority to the amount of \$188,650 with Texas Engineering Extension Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KAREN BASS

Mayor

For further details on these requests, please refer to the below:

Attachment 1: Contracting Authorities Narrative & Recommendations

CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES NARRATIVE & RECOMMENDATIONS
UASI 20

Attachment 1

Transmitted herewith for City Council consideration are proposed contracting authorities and budget modifications related to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fiscal Year 2020 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY20 UASI) grant award. On March 24, 2021, the City Council accepted the FY20 UASI grant in the amount of \$56,236,000 with a grant performance period from September 1, 2020 to May 31, 2023 (Council File No. 20-1156). The recommendations outlined in this report are necessary in order to continue previously approved grant-funded projects through the end of the applicable grant performance periods.

Los Angeles Cybersecurity

Threat Intelligence Sharing Platform

The Mayor's Office received Council authority to enter into a contract with International Business Machines (IBM) for the Threat Intelligence Sharing Platform (TISP) for \$170,000 with FY20 UASI. The Mayor's Office requests to increase the contract by an additional \$120,938.00 in order to fund an additional 6 months of services. for a new TISP project total of \$290,938.00. This increase will allow the TISP project better support cyber threat intelligence sharing with regional and national partners, to prepare for and defend against cyber-attacks.

In order to fund this increase, the Mayor's Office will decrease its Regional Cyber Services Coordinator project by \$120,938 in FY20 UASI. This project originally received Council authority to enter into a contract with a vendor to hire a Regional Cyber Services Coordinator for \$160,000 with FY20 UASI. The Mayor's Office requests contracting authority for an amount of \$39,062, which will support 2.5 months of service. This service will provide the LA Cyber Lab and the Joint Regional Intelligence Center with a technical expert who will produce assessments, intelligence reports, and coordinate with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA,) and the California Cybersecurity Integration Center Cal-CSIC. This position will continue to be funded through Fiscal Year 2021 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY21 UASI), therefore, no loss of capabilities is anticipated. This modification is pending Grantor approval.

Authority is requested to modify the FY20 UASI budget as noted above, and to increase contracting authority with IBM to \$290,938. Additionally, authority is requested to reduce contracting authority for the Regional Cyber Services Coordinator to \$39,062.00.

Mayor's Office

Regional Communications ISSI Coordinator

In FY20 UASI, the Mayor's Office hired a contractor as a Regional Communications Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) Coordinator. In this position, the contractor, NewTel Consulting, provides technical expertise and essential ISSI coordination services necessary to deploy the regional "System of Systems" model of interoperable radio communications.

Contracting authority in the amount of \$268,000 was requested at the time of grant acceptance, however, additional time beyond the FY20 UASI performance period is needed in order to complete

the project. As a result, Contracting authority will be reduced to \$150,000. The remaining deliverables will be completed with the FY21 UASI grant award utilizing a previously approved budget and Contracting authority. In addition, the FY20 UASI project budget will be reduced, with the balance being returned to the Mayor's Office Management and Administration contracting budget. The modification is pending grantor approval.

Authority is requested to modify the FY20 UASI budget and decrease contracting authority to the amount of \$150,000 for a Regional Communications ISSI Coordinator as noted above.

Los Angeles Police Department

Jurisdictional Crisis Incident Management Training, IMS-650

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) received authority to enter into a sole source contract with the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) for \$300,000.00 with FY20 UASI funds. In order to meet the FY20 UASI grant performance period deadline, a condensed version of the course will now be conducted for a reduced amount. Contracting authority is requested in the amount of \$188,650.00. This course will continue to provide jurisdictional teams with incident management and decision-making skills required to safely and effectively manage any "All Hazards" large-scale or catastrophic incident (man-made or terrorism) in their specific jurisdiction/region. Cost savings in the amount of \$111,350 will be modified from the IMS-650 project to the LAPD's Crime Analysis Mapping System II (CAMS II) project. This modification is pending Grantor approval.

Authority is requested to modify the FY20 UASI grant budget and decrease contracting authority with TEEX to the amount of \$188,650 as noted above .

Recommendations

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to:
 - a. Modify the existing grant budget (Council File No. 20-1156) for the FY20 UASI grant by reallocating funds between projects and conducting the necessary fiscal transfers as described within this report; and
 - b. Increase contracting authority to the amount of \$290,938 with International Business Machines, for an automated threat sharing platform, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and
 - c. Decrease contracting authority to the amount of \$39,062 for a Regional Cyber Services Coordinator, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and
 - d. Decrease contracting authority to the amount of \$150,000 for a Regional Communications ISSI Coordinator, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and
 - e. Decrease contracting authority to the amount of \$188,650 with Texas Engineering Extension Service subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

2. **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.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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