

# **CITY OF LONG BEACH**

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract and all necessary amendments, including term extensions, with the City of Los Angeles to receive and expend Department of Homeland Security grant funding for the 2008 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant, at an amount not to exceed \$3,951,754 for a period ending February 28, 2011; and increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$1,014,543 and in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Police Department (PD) by \$1,937,211. (Citywide)

#### DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach has received grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program since 2003. Until 2006, the City of Long Beach was the lead city for the Long Beach UASI, a regional partnership of eight cities and the County of Los Angeles. As the lead city, Long Beach was the recipient of the grant funds and administered the funds on behalf of other cities in the Long Beach UASI. Beginning in 2006, the Department of Homeland Security combined the Long Beach UASI and the Los Angeles UASI to form the Los Angeles-Long Beach UASI. As the largest city in the region, the City of Los Angeles was named the grant awardee, with the responsibility for administration of the funds.

In order to distribute the City of Long Beach's share of UASI funds, the City of Los Angeles requires a formal funding agreement between the two cities. This agreement will be in effect from October 22, 2008 to February 28, 2011. Long Beach will receive \$3,951,754 to use for homeland security purposes, including \$90,000 to administer the Long Beach portion of the grant. These funds will primarily be used for public safety training and exercises, developing plans and protocols, purchasing personal protective equipment and enhancement of critical infrastructure. The use of these funds will focus on protecting the City's assets and resources.

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This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on September 22, 2009 and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on September 24, 2009.

### **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action on this matter is requested on October 13, 2009, to ensure the City can promptly begin to expend these grant funds.

### FISCAL IMPACT

As these grants are unbudgeted for the Fire and Police Departments, an appropriation increase in the amount of \$2,951,751 is included in the recommendation for the following departments/funds in order to expend this grant:

Department	Fund	Total
Fire (FD)	General Grants (SR 120)	\$1,014,543
Police (PD)	General Grants (SR 120)	\$1,937,211
Total		\$2,951,754

The Harbor Department will receive the remaining \$1,000,000 of the 2008 UASI grant. As there is sufficient appropriation in the Harbor Fund (HR) Harbor Department (HA) no appropriation increase is necessary. The three departments' grant expenses will be fully offset by grant reimbursement revenue and there are no matching funds required.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

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