



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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September 13, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to receive and expend grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and from the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management for the continuing protection of infrastructure in the City of Long Beach and adjacent cities in the County of Los Angeles; and increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$6,344,499; General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$414,858; General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Police Department (PD) by \$1,591,815; General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$75,000; and General Services Fund (IS 385) in the Department of Technology Services (TS) by \$125,000. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

On August 10, 2005, the City of Long Beach (City) received notification from the California Office of Homeland Security of final approval for an additional \$7,514,753 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant funds. As in the past, the Long Beach Urban Area will also include the County of Los Angeles and seven cities that are contiguous to the City. These jurisdictions will be represented on an "Urban Area Working Group," jointly chaired by the City of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles.

The UASI 2005 funds will be used to continue to augment the City and surrounding jurisdictions' Homeland Security response capabilities through training and equipment and supply acquisition. The MMRS 2005 funds will be used to enhance domestic emergency preparedness response and medical equipment and supplies.

On August 10, 2005, the City also received notification from the California Office of Homeland Security of final approval for \$878,174 in State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) grant funds.

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The SHSP 2005 funds will be used to enhance domestic emergency preparedness through training, security perimeter barriers, personal protective equipment and interoperability communications equipment. The LETPP 2005 funds will be used to augment equipment for the Police Department's Homeland Security response capabilities.

On August 17, 2005, the City received notification from the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management of final approval for \$37,611 in Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) funds. These funds will be utilized for the purpose of disaster management efforts in Area F. Area F consists of the cities of Long Beach, Avalon and Signal Hill under a Joint Powers Agreement.

In addition, \$120,634 has been reinstated in the UASI 2004 grant award to the City. This amount represents approximately a one percent reduction for administrative fees that the Office of Emergency Services initially notified the City that it would require. The Office of Homeland Security subsequently determined that UASI grants would remain whole and the amount is included in the final award documentation received by the City in August 2005.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on September 6, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 2, 2005.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on September 13, 2005 to expedite the receipt of grant funds and procurement of equipment.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

As these grants are unbudgeted, appropriation increases are included in the recommendation. The expense appropriations will be fully offset by grant revenues and this grant does not require matching funds. There is no immediate impact to the General Fund; however, due to time delays between incurring expenditures and receiving revenues, it may be necessary for the General Fund to advance cash to cover grant-related expenses until reimbursement revenues are received. As the grant only covers procurement expenses, on-going costs for equipment maintenance will be borne by the General and other funds.


The appropriation increase in the Fire Department includes \$1,376,000 for jurisdictions contiguous to Long Beach, \$450,000 for the Harbor Department and \$165,000 for the Water Department.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER