

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Accept Urban Area Security Initiative II Grant Funding  
From the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

On August 5, 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution to apply for and receive Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) II grant funding. The City was designated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the recipient of \$6,467,863, in partnership with the State of California, the County of Los Angeles, and cities adjacent to the City of Long Beach's border, to fund planning, equipment, training, and personnel costs associated with the protection of critical infrastructure in and around the Long Beach Urban Area. Among the key acquisitions were a specialized police response vehicle (Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit), sonar thermal detection and underwater video for on-water protection used by the Fire Department, personal protective equipment for airport security personnel, and a biological decontamination unit for the Department of Health and Human Services.

On October 20, 2004, the City of Long Beach received notification from the California Office of Homeland Security of final approval for an additional \$11,943,854 in UASI 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 of Long Beach. 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 2004 funds will be used to enhance security at the Airport, upgrade security at the Port of Long Beach, and augment the Fire and Police Departments' Homeland Security response capabilities.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on November 4, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 5, 2004.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on November 16, 2004 in order to appropriate the funds and begin procurement of the domestic preparedness emergency response equipment.

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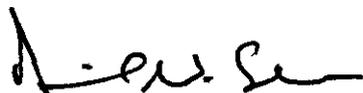
An appropriation increase is included in the recommendation below for the UASI 2004 grant as these funds are not currently budgeted. The expense appropriation will be fully offset by grant revenues and does not require matching funds. However, fuel and other maintenance costs will be absorbed within current appropriations. Future years' fuel and maintenance costs are unknown at this time and will be addressed in the budget processes for those upcoming fiscal years. Depending on the location of the utilization of Fire and Police vehicles these costs may impact the General and/or Tidelands Funds.

The appropriation increase in the Fire Department includes \$3,174,774 for jurisdictions contiguous to Long Beach and \$805,860 for the Harbor Department.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to receive and expend grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the continuing protection of critical infrastructure in the City of Long Beach and adjacent cities in the County of Los Angeles; and
2. Increase appropriations in the:
  - a. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$8,470,133;
  - b. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$554,473;
  - c. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Police Department (PD) by \$1,522,997;
  - d. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$618,752;
  - e. Airport Fund (EF 320) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$173,248; and
  - f. General Services Fund (IS 385) in the Department of Technology Services (TS) by \$604,251.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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