



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize 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 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant, at an amount not to exceed \$6,671,216 for a period ending March 31, 2010; and increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$3,248,143; General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$1,906,273; General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Police Department (PD) by \$798,800; and General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Technology Services Department (TS) by \$718,000. (Citywide)

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. 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 16, 2007 to March 31, 2010. Long Beach will receive \$6,671,216 to use for homeland security purposes, including \$90,000 toward the administration of the Long Beach portion of the grant. These funds will primarily be used for public safety and public health training and exercises, developing plans and protocols, and purchasing interoperable radio equipment. Additionally, funds will support Port of Long Beach projects focusing on terrorism prevention and emergency communications. The use of these funds will focus on protecting the City's assets and resources, continuing interoperability communications efforts, and enhancing regional intelligence sharing.

This item was reviewed by Principal Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin on June 19, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 23, 2008.

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 8, 2008, to ensure the City can promptly begin to expend these grant funds.

As these grants are unbudgeted, an appropriation increase in the amount of \$6,671,216 is included in the recommendation for the following departments in the General Grants Fund (SR120) in order to expend this grant:

Approve recommendation.

David W. Ellis
Fire Chief

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APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST
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