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City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
May 2, 2023

TOPIC: FY 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Funding Program

AGENDA TITLE

Adopt a Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program Funding in the Amount of \$5,113,750

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager and/or the Chief of Police or their designee(s), to apply for the FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative grant and upon award, enter into an agreement with the State of California, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026, in the amount of \$5,113,750, of which \$835,000 is obligated to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center.

DISCUSSION

This program is approved by Congress through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, and implemented by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to assist high-density urban areas to strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program provides funds to local emergency first responders to enhance security and overall preparedness to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The grant specifically provides funding for training, planning, equipment, exercises, and technical assistance.

In 2006, DHS established a combined UASI in the Orange County Urban Area called the Anaheim/Santa Ana Urban Area (ASAUA) UASI. Since 2007, the City of Santa Ana has been designated the Urban Area Core City and leads the grant responsibility on odd year grant cycles for the entire urban area/county. The Santa Ana Police Department administers the grant within the operational area, and works with the County of Orange and other cities within the Urban Area, to determine current capabilities and needs, and work on established goals and objectives. The City of Santa Ana works in collaboration with the Urban Area to develop projects and implements complimentary strategies to respond to acts of terrorism.

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Award amounts for each Urban Area are determined using a methodology assessing relative risk of terrorism, in accordance with the 9/11 Act. Over the years, Congress has steadily decreased the amount of funding allocated to the UASI Grant Program. As a result, the total number of Urban Areas and the award amounts have been greatly reduced. Santa Ana's UASI award amount has steadily decreased from a high of \$25,254,334 in 2004 to the current award amount of \$5,113,750 for FY 2023.

For the FY 2023 UASI grant program the City of Santa Ana will be awarded funding in the amount of \$5,113,750, of which \$835,000 is obligated to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center. The FY 2023 grant will cover the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026. The State of California, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) anticipates finalizing the grant award agreements by the end of the 4th Quarter, 2023. Upon receipt of the official award letter or agreement from Cal OES, the grant award will be presented to City Council for appropriation of the funds in the FY 23-24 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Resolution

Submitted By: David Valentin, Police Chief

Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager