



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
August 29, 2023

TOPIC: Homeland Security Grants Strategy Update

AGENDA TITLE

Approve Agreement with Filler Security Strategies, Inc. in the Amount of \$56,750 to Provide a Revision to the Three-Year Countywide Homeland Security Grants Strategy (Non-General Fund)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Filler Security Strategies, Inc., for the period of August 29, 2023 through March 31, 2024, to provide a revision to the Countywide Homeland Security Grants Strategy in an amount not to exceed \$56,750, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

DISCUSSION

The United States Department of Homeland Security has developed the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding program. UASI is designed to address the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas and provides funds to local emergency first responders that assist in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, respond to, mitigate, and recover from acts of terrorism.

The grant specifically provides funding for anti-terrorism equipment, planning, training, exercises, and technical assistance. Santa Ana has been designated as an Urban Area Core City since 2003. As such, for selected grant years, Santa Ana is the fiduciary agent for the region and manages projects, which include providing training and procuring equipment utilized by the 34 jurisdictions in Orange County.

In 2013, UASI grant program funds were utilized to develop the Countywide Homeland Security Grants Strategy. The Strategy is used by the Anaheim/Santa Ana Urban Area (ASUA) as a basis for proposing projects to be funded through the Homeland Security Grant Program. It identifies countywide goals, objectives, and priorities to streamline regional efforts and maximize organizational efforts in support of the National

Preparedness Goal and the following five mission areas: to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and catastrophic natural disasters. It focuses on addressing the Urban Area's target capabilities and sustaining robust programs in support of the Whole Community approach.

On April 25, 2023, the Police Department issued a request for proposals (RFP #23-057A) for a revision to the Countywide Homeland Security Grants Strategy. On May 23, 2023 the City received a proposal from Filler Security Strategies, Inc. Filler Security Strategies was the sole proposal received in response to the City's request. An evaluation committee consisting of representatives from the Anaheim/Santa Ana Urban Area reviewed and rated the proposal based on established evaluation criteria outlined within the RFP.

According to the RFP, the consultant would be responsible for reviewing the current strategy, conducting planning meetings with ASUA subject matter experts and stakeholders, and providing a revised strategy document that incorporates the updated goals and objectives of the region in support of federal homeland security program initiatives.

The proposed revision should maintain, or build on, the following key components:

- I. Purpose, Vision, Focus, and Coordination
- II. Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Steps
- III. Evaluation Plan for the Homeland Security Strategy
- IV. Strategy Update Summary

The results of the RFP evaluation are as follows:

Proposer	Location	Score
Filler Security Strategies, Inc.	Falmouth, ME	90.17
<i>100 Points Possible</i>		

Staff recommends that the City Council approve an agreement with Filler Security Strategies, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds will be available in the FY 2023-24 budget upon City Council approval of the prior-year carry-forwards for expenditure as follows:

Fiscal Year	Accounting Unit – Account No.	Fund Description	Accounting Unit - Account No. Description	Amount
FY 23-24	12514407-62300	OES UASI	UASI Cal OES Santa Ana, Contract Services-Professional	\$56,750

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Agreement with Filler Security Solutions, Inc.

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Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager