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Council District: All

To: The Mayor  
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated June 10, 2015; referred for report June 12, 2015

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2015 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

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### SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety (Mayor's Office) is providing notification to the City Council of the submission of the Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY15 UASI) Grant and requests authority to adopt the Governing Body Resolution provided as Attachment 1 to the Mayor's transmittal dated June 10, 2015. The final FY15 UASI allocations are anticipated to be announced in July 2015. The anticipated grant performance period is September 2015 to May 2018.

On April 2, 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that 28 Urban Areas throughout the nation were eligible to apply for \$587 million in available FY15 grant funds. The DHS will award the funds to the State Administrative Agent, which is the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the State of California, which will then disperse the funds to the Urban Areas. The Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB Urban Area) received an allocation of \$69,500,000, which is approximately three percent greater than the region's FY14 UASI allocation of \$67,500,000. No matching funds are required for this grant.

### Application Process

The UASI grant application is developed through collaboration with public safety agencies representing the Urban Area's jurisdiction. The Working Group, which is made up of 18 voting representatives from jurisdictions in the Urban Area, sets homeland security objectives, proposes programs to meet those objectives and presents funding requests to meet each objective. Subcommittees are created out of the Working Group and participate in the submission of projects for Investment Justifications (IJs). The draft application is then reviewed and ratified by an 11-member Approval Authority, which represents the Urban Area jurisdiction and includes four City of Los Angeles representatives. The LA/LB Urban Area Governance Structure is included as Attachment 2 to the Mayor's transmittal dated June 10, 2015. The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for all UASI awards and submits all grant applications and related documents on behalf of the LA/LB Urban Area jurisdiction.

The IJs for the FY15 UASI application were developed by the Working Group and Approval Authority with consideration of the core capabilities and gaps of the LA/LB Urban Area and based on feedback provided by Cal OES and the DHS. Below are the IJs that were recommended and the amount of funding requested per IJ. Detailed information on each IJ is provided in Attachment 3 to the Mayor's transmittal dated June 10, 2015.

1. Strengthen interoperable and communication capabilities - \$8,451,200
2. Strengthen information sharing, collaboration capabilities, and law enforcement investigations - \$8,902,917
- 2A. Fusion Center/Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) - \$5,886,683
3. Protection of critical infrastructure and key resources (limited to commercial airports and seaports) - \$13,205,000
4. Catastrophic incident planning response and recovery - \$16,374,200

In addition, the Cal OES is allocated \$13,900,000 from the LA/LB Urban Area's overall FY15 UASI allocation. As outlined in the grant application, FY15 UASI funding for this IJ will be provided to the State of California for projects that will benefit the region but will not be allocated to or managed by the LA/LB Urban Area. The remaining \$2,780,000 in FY15 UASI funding will be dedicated to Management and Administration expenditures for the LA/LB Urban Area.

#### Governing Body Resolution

As part of the application package, Cal OES requires the submission of the Governing Body Resolution (GBR), which is included as Attachment 1 to the Mayor's transmittal dated June 10, 2015. The GBR authorizes specified Los Angeles City Officials to execute for and on behalf of the City of Los Angeles any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal assistance under FY15 UASI. The Mayor's Office will return to the City Council to request authority to accept the grant once the award notification is received from Cal OES.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to submit the Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY15 UASI) grant application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, for the \$69,500,000 allocation;
2. Adopt the Governing Body Resolution provided as Attachment 1 of the Mayor's transmittal dated June 10, 2015 to designate the City entities that will apply for and manage Federal financial assistance provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and sub-granted through the State of California; and,
3. Instruct the City Administrative Officer to report back with the necessary actions to approve and accept the FY15 UASI award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the DHS, subject to Council and Mayor approval.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations in this report. The City's Financial Policies are not applicable to the report recommendations since no funding commitment is being made at this time. Approval of the recommendations in this report will allow the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to submit the Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant application. No matching funds are required of this grant.

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