

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to modifying the United States Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant award, and a contract relative to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:

- a. Modify the existing grant budget for the FY 2010 UASI grant by re-appropriating funds from the LA-RICS JPA to the City of Los Angeles for the Verdugo Peak project.
- b. Negotiate and execute an amendment to the sub-recipient agreement with the LA-RICS JPA for a contract amount not exceed to \$19,406,079, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
- c. Negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement for project design and construction of the Verdugo Peak project for a contract amount not to exceed \$2.1 million, for a performance period not to exceed the end date of the applicable grant period, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, and subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) for consistency with the grant budget and compliance with all City contracting policies and procedures.

2. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Transfer appropriations within Fund 53V/46, as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 53V/46	46H669	LA-RICS JPA	\$1,000,000

<u>Fund/Dept No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To: 53V/46	46K978	BOE	\$1,000,000

- b. Expend and receive funds upon presentation of documentation and proper demand by the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety, in order to reimburse City departments and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area Partner Jurisdictions for approved FY 2010 UASI grant funds.

3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Approval of the above recommendations will allow for the continued expenditure of the FY 2010 UASI grant. These actions are in compliance with City financial policies in that grant funds are sufficient to support the grant activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated October 4, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety requests authority to modify the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FY 2010 UASI grant award. In addition, the Mayor's Office requests authority to contract with the LA-RICS JPA.

According to the CAO, the California Office of Emergency Services approved an extension for the LA-RICS project to April 30, 2014. Now, the Mayor's Office requests authority to re-appropriate \$1,000,000 from the LA-RICS JPA to the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for the Verdugo Peak tower project. These funds will be used to support the construction of an improved tower at the existing communications facility at the Verdugo Peak telecommunications site. This project will support the expansion and capability of the microwave and communication systems of the City's and partner agencies' first responders and will be compatible with the LA-RICS project.

The CAO goes on to report that the Mayor's Office also requests authority to negotiate and execute an amended sub-recipient agreement with the LA-RICS JPA for a total contract amount of \$19,406,079. The CAO goes on to report that the Mayor's Officer further requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract with United Riggers and Erectors, Inc. (URE), in the amount of \$2.1 million for project design and construction of the Verdugo Peak project. URE will be responsible for the fabrication, construction, installation, and other related work to implementing the project, including erosion control, building improvements, and transport services. The CAO recommends approval of the Mayor's Office requests.

At its meeting held October 25, 2013, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the Mayor's Office. Committee members discussed unsourced UASI grant funds in the amount of \$3.4 million and whether the funds could be used for Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) programs or radio encryption. The Mayor's Office representative explained that all uses of the grant funds must be pre-approved by the Department of Homeland Safety. The unsourced funds cannot be used for GRYD programs. Committee members recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations. Committee members also asked that the Mayor's Office seek other sources of grant funding for GRYD programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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