PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY19 UASI) grant application.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to submit the FY19 UASI grant application to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, for the estimated $56,236,000 allocation.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION 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.

3. REQUEST the Mayor to report with the necessary actions to approve and accept the FY19 UASI award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the DHS, subject to Mayor and Council approval.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations contained in the September 26, 2019 CAO report, attached to the Council file. 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 the CAO report will allow the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety to submit the FY19 USAI grant application. No matching funds are required of this grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 23, 2019, your Committee considered a September 26, 2019 CAO report and June 3, 2019 Communication from the Mayor relative to the FY19 UASI grant application. According to the CAO, the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety (Mayor) is providing notification to Council of the submission of the FY19 UASI Grant and requests authority to adopt the Governing Body Resolution, which is provided as Attachment A to the CAO report. Detailed funding information for specific projects under the FY 19 UASI grant is unknown at this time and the Mayor’s Office will release a separate report once the award notification is received. However, based on the Grant Management Memorandum (Attachment B to the CAO report) from the Cal OES dated May 1, 2019, the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area is to receive an estimated $56,236,000 with an anticipated grant performance period of September 2019 through May 2022. The DHS issued a solicitation for the FY19 UASI grant in April 2019. The DHS awards funds to the State Administrative Agent, which is the Cal OES for the State of California, who in turn disperses the funds to the Urban Areas.

In anticipation of this solicitation, the Cal OES instructed the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area to submit its grant award application in a Grant Management Memorandum dated September 28, 2018, utilizing the FY18 UASI allocations as estimates for project funding. In a subsequent Grant Management Memorandum dated May 1, 2019, Cal OES estimated the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area to receive $56,236,000 with an anticipated grant performance
period of September 2019 through May 2022. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
RODRIGUEZ: YES
O'FARRELL: YES
BUSCAINO: ABSENT
RYU: YES
LEE: ABSENT

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