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To: The Mayor  
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer *MS*

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated June 19, 2012; referred for report June 21, 2012; additional information received through June 28, 2012.

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2012 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 notifying the City Council of the submission of the Fiscal Year 2012 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY12 UASI) Grant and requests authority to adopt the Governing Body Resolution provided as Attachment 1 of the Mayor's transmittal dated June 19, 2012. The final grant award allocations are anticipated to be announced in July 2012. The anticipated grant performance period is November 2012 through June 2014.

On February 17, 2012, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the 31 urban areas throughout the nation that were eligible to apply for \$490.4 million and issued a solicitation for the FY12 UASI program. DHS awards the funds to the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) which acts as the State Administrative Agent and disperses the Federal funds to urban areas. The Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area (LA/LB UA) continues to receive the second largest dollar amount in the nation. For the FY12 UASI program, the LA/LB UA received an allocation of \$61,029,547 which is approximately 13 percent less from the region's FY11 UASI allocation of \$69,922,146. An overall reduction in UASI funding is the reason for the reduction in the LA/LB UA allocation. No matching funds are required for this grant.

### Application Process

The UASI grant application is developed with input from public safety agencies representing Urban Area jurisdictions. An Urban Area Working Group made up of 18 voting representatives from jurisdictions across the Urban Area, sets forth homeland security objectives, proposes programs to meet those objectives, and presents funding requests to meet each objective for the application. In addition, multiple subcommittees are created out of the Working Group which participates in the submission of projects for specific Investment Justifications (IJs). The draft application is reviewed and ratified by an 11-member Approval Authority, which represents the Urban Area Jurisdiction. The Approval Authority includes four City of Los Angeles representatives. Attachment 2 of the Mayor's transmittal dated June 19, 2012 provides a list of the Approval Authority members. The

Mayor's Office 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 UA jurisdictions.

The IJs for the FY12 UASI were developed by the Working Group and the Approval Authority with consideration of the core capabilities and gaps of the LA/LB UA and based on feedback provided by CalEMA and the DHS. The IJs that were recommended are identified and summarized below. More detailed information for each recommended IJ is provided as Attachment 3 of the Mayor's transmittal dated June 19, 2012.

1. Strengthen interoperable and communications capabilities – 48 percent of grant award.
  - a. Continued development of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperability Communications System (LA-RICS).
  - b. Purchase of voice system equipment needed for deployment of LA-RICS.
2. Strengthen information sharing, collaboration capabilities, and law enforcement investigations – 19 percent of grant award.
  - a. Continue to link and enhance Urban Area criminal and intelligence systems together.
  - b. Increase analytical capability to detect and disrupt terrorist activity across linked databases and intelligence systems.
  - c. Training for the intelligence community and Terrorism Liaison Officers across Urban Area jurisdictions.
  - d. Funding for analysts at the Joint Regional Intelligence Center.
  - e. Expand Common Operational Platform Program capabilities to enhance information gathering, sharing, and incident management.
  - f. The procurement of equipment and training designed to enhance technological capabilities to support intelligence and criminal cases for the pursuit of terror networks and individuals.
3. Protection of critical infrastructure and key resources (limited to commercial airports and seaports) – 14 percent of grant award.
  - a. Enhance transportation systems and maritime security.
  - b. Procure equipment, technologies, training, and exercises designed to improve security at critical infrastructure and to combat threats of high consequences including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE).
  - c. Resiliency (continuity of operations) through the integration of critical sub-systems into overall critical infrastructure security plans and operations.
  - d. Operations and maintenance of Homeland Security Grant Program acquired systems.
4. Catastrophic incident planning response and recovery – 19 percent of grant award.
  - a. Procure equipment to enhance CBRNE approach.
  - b. Catastrophic disaster response training and exercises.
  - c. Sustainment of Urban Search and Rescue, CBRNE, and other specialties.
  - d. Regional and interdisciplinary planning, training, and exercises to recover from catastrophic incidents.
  - e. Regional volunteer planning and training.
  - f. Regional community outreach program.

### Governing Body Resolution

As a part of the application package, CalEMA requires the submission of the Governing Body Resolution (GBR) provided as Attachment 1 of the Mayor's transmittal dated June 19, 2012. The GBR authorizes specified City Officials to execute for and on behalf of the City any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance under the FY12 UASI grant. The Mayor's Office will return to City Council and request authority to accept its grant award share once they have been notified of an award from CalEMA. Detailed information regarding specific projects to be funded under the FY12 UASI award and the allocations for each jurisdiction within the LA/LB UA will be provided at that time.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to submit the Fiscal Year 2012 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY12 UASI) grant application to the California Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, for the \$61,029,547 grant allocation;
2. Adopt the Governing Body Resolution provided as Attachment 1 of the Mayor's transmittal dated June 19, 2012 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 any necessary actions to approve and accept the FY12 UASI award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the DHS, subject to Mayor and Council approval.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no impact to the General Fund. 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 to submit the Fiscal Year 2012 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant application. No matching funds are required of this grant.