



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Del D. Borgsdorf

**SUBJECT: URBAN AREA SECURITY
INITIATIVE GRANT APPROVAL**

DATE: March 29, 2004

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to:
 - (1) Submit a grant application to the United States Department of Homeland Security and
 - (2) Negotiate and execute the grant, if awarded, in an amount not to exceed \$9.9 million.
- (b) That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Assistant City Manager, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, or an Assistant to the City Manager to execute any documents required for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided for under the grant award as reimbursement for UASI Program expenditures.

BACKGROUND

In July 2003, the City of San Jose was included in the Bay Area-wide Urban Area Security Initiative Program, a Federal program to direct United States Department of Homeland Security funding to specific core cities and core counties, and their surrounding regions. The San Francisco UASI included the County of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose, along with other Bay Area counties and the City of Oakland in the 2003 program. In the fall of 2003, the City of San Jose was notified that for the 2004 UASI Program it would be designated as a core city, with Santa Clara as its core County. The additional members of the San Jose UASI Region are the 14 other cities in Santa Clara County and the Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. The Federal government has allocated \$9.9 million for the San Jose UASI to be spent for the benefit of the defined regions.

The City of San Jose is a sub-grantee of the State of California for the purposes of the UASI Grant Program. The performance period for the UASI grant is December 1, 2003 to November 30, 2005.

The UASI is comprised of a Management Team, an Advisory Committee and a Working Group. Together these individuals have assisted with the development of a strategy comprised of goals and implementation steps. The grant focuses on improving the capability to respond to disasters

including terrorist attacks, and provides funds for the development of joint planning, training, exercising and equipment acquisition for the City of San Jose, and for partners in the UASI within Santa Clara County, San Benito County, Santa Cruz County and Monterey County.

The Department of Homeland Security requires a resolution to be passed by the San Jose City Council that specifically authorizes by either name or title, City officials to execute, on behalf of the City of San Jose as sub-grantee, any documents required for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided from the grant award as reimbursement for UASI Program expenditures. The resolution will authorize the Assistant City Manager, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, and any Assistant to the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to obtain reimbursement for UASI Program expenditures from the grant award.

ANALYSIS

1. The \$9.9 million provided to the UASI will be spent for the benefit of the Region-wide activities as well as for the benefit of the individual partners. This means that funding will be used for planning, training, and exercising that will include all the UASI members, as well as for some equipment that will be for specific communities.
2. The City of San Jose, as the core City will receive 3% of the \$9.9 million to cover staff time and overhead to administer the Grant.
3. Due to the size of the grant, a separate UASI account should be established within the citywide chart of accounts. An appropriation will be requested at a later time when the spending plan of the UASI and the budgetary condition of the City are clearer. The program is funded on a reimbursement basis.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Partners in the UASI are included in the Components List attached.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the City Manager's Budget Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

Council approval of the recommendation in this memorandum has no cost impact. When the UASI Grant is awarded, an appropriation action of up to \$9.9 million reimbursable General Fund monies will be needed to implement the grant. Staff will return to the City Council with an appropriation ordinance amendment as implementation steps are undertaken.

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April 20, 2004

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Not a project.

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Attachment