



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Kimberly Shunk

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** November 20, 2006

Approved

*Ray Wines*

Date

*11/28/06*

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide  
**SNI AREA:** N/A

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A JOINT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CITY OF OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY AS PARTNERS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 SUPER URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT**

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the San José City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a joint Memorandum of Understanding with the City and County of San Francisco, City of Oakland, Alameda County, and Santa Clara County as partners in the Fiscal Year 2006 Super Urban Area Security Initiative (SUASI) grant.

### 1. OUTCOME

Participation in the 2006 SUASI grant enables the City of San José to continue to prepare for, respond to, and recover from potential terrorism incidents and other hazards through a regional collaboration of local jurisdictions around the San Francisco Bay.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **New organization in 2006**

In a memorandum dated January 3, 2006, the federal Department of Homeland Security announced that the separate Urban Area Security Initiative cities of Oakland, San Francisco, and San José would be combined into a single Bay Area UASI region. Known as the Super UASI (or SUASI), this regional organization also includes the ten counties ringing the San Francisco Bay: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security approved a governing body called the SUASI Approval Authority. The voting members of the Approval Authority consist of the emergency managers for the three UASI cities (Oakland, San Francisco, and San José) and the counties in which they reside (Alameda, San Francisco, and Santa Clara). In the event of a tie, the Director of the Coastal Region, Governor's Office of Emergency Services casts the deciding vote. The City and County of San Francisco was identified as the fiscal agent for the grant.

### **Grant award**

On May 31, 2006, the federal Department of Homeland Security announced the Urban Area Security Initiative awards for fiscal year 2006. The San Francisco Bay Area received a total of \$28,320,000 for the region. As allowed by the grant program, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security retained 20% of this total, reducing the amount the region received to \$22,656,000.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security approved the region's spending plan on August 23, 2006, with the caveat that reimbursements could not be made from the grant until the elected officials from each jurisdiction represented on the Approval Authority approved a governing body resolution. According to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, a Memorandum of Understanding, signed by representatives from each of the Approval Authority agencies, will meet this requirement.

## **ANALYSIS**

Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which has been reviewed by attorneys for each of the signatories, is a critical step in the grant process this year. A completed MOU will allow grant participants to be reimbursed for their grant-related expenses.

A second MOU is forthcoming, along with a resolution to accept and appropriate a \$1,000,000 grant allocation that the City of San José will receive from the City and County of San Francisco as fiscal agent. Each of the three core cities (Oakland, San Francisco, and San José) will receive \$1,000,000 for emergency planning activities from the 2006 SUASI grant. In the recent past, UASI cities have been required to perform additional work not required of sub-recipients. For example, this year each UASI city was required to submit its emergency operations plan to the Department of Homeland Security for evaluation by a team of consultants, or risk losing its

eligibility for future grants. This allocation recognizes the continuing potential for these types of mandates. A separate report will follow.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater.
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City.
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach.

While none of the above criteria apply, information in this report has been discussed extensively with Santa Clara County's Office of Emergency Services (OES), Alameda County's OES, City of Oakland's OES, City and County of San Francisco's OES, and the Coastal Region of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The grant application and spending plan were developed with the assistance and input from more than 200 representatives from each of the ten counties, three cities, public transit agencies, public utilities, and non-profit organizations located in the SUASI region.

### **COORDINATION**

This report was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

### **COST IMPLICATIONS**

According to the terms and conditions of the 2006 SUASI grant, the City of San José will be reimbursed by the City and County of San Francisco, acting as fiscal agent for the grant, for grant-related purchases of equipment, supplies, training, and planning services. No matching funds are required. The 2006 SUASI grant will also fund the salary for San José's representative on the SUASI's day-to-day Management Team.

### **BUDGET REFERENCE**

A separate appropriation request and second MOU will be forthcoming, upon receipt of documentation from the City and County of San Francisco as fiscal agent for the 2006 SUASI.

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Not a project.



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