

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Subgrant Agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$359,470 for cybersecurity and emergency services sustainment.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

These funds will be utilized to enhance the capability of cybersecurity infrastructure and existing emergency management programs including volunteer management, regional threats and hazards planning and sustainment of previously grant funded programs and equipment. Bellevue joins King County, Pierce County, Snohomish County and the City of Seattle as the lead jurisdictions that comprise the Seattle Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) region.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9843

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The availability of grant funding increased significantly following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The UASI program is operated at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security, through which the federal government allocates funds to the urban areas considered most at risk. Funds pass from the federal government to states that contain risks in urban areas. Each state must pass through at least 80 percent of the funds directly to the urban areas for which they are designated. The remaining 20 percent of the funds are expended by the State on projects that will benefit the whole urban area.

The UASI Core Group is comprised of representatives from the cities of Seattle and Bellevue; King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties; and the Washington State Military Department. By federal mandate, Bellevue received a seat on the Core Group for UASI in 2006 and is part of the decision-making process for funding priorities and allocations. The funds are designed to address threats posed by terrorist actions, as well as human and natural disasters. Bellevue, as a regional provider, benefits from the improved preparedness and response capabilities supported by these funds.

Bellevue continues to be a rapidly developing urbanized area with an increasing diverse population and building density to rival Seattle. Bellevue is located on the major Seattle earthquake fault line and has a response zone that includes critical infrastructure such as the Olympic Gas Pipeline, three major interstates/freeways, (including the Evergreen Point Floating Bridges), and major hospital/medical centers, (including the only trauma center located on the east side of Lake Washington). Businesses and residents need to be prepared for all types of hazards. The City is being awarded funding for multiple projects from the FFY20 Homeland Security Grants program. Grants such as this one address current needs and prepare the City for the future. FFY20 projects include:

Cybersecurity (\$110,000): New requirements were released for UASI FFY20 that identified cybersecurity as a funding priority. Bellevue's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is partnering with the Bellevue Information Technology Department (ITD) for a cybersecurity infrastructure assessment and training/exercise.

Sustainment – Enduring Needs (\$239,000): Funding for Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) and Bellevue's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) including funding for system upgrades to replace EOC monitors and digital remote-control system.

Sustainment also partially funds two administrative positions in the Fire Department in addition to professional development for Bellevue Fire, OEM and Police staff through the Department of Homeland Security.

Management and Administration (\$10,470): A maximum of up to three percent of funds awarded may be used solely for management and administrative purposes associated with this grant award.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

If approved, the City agrees to accept Homeland Security funds that would reimburse the City for expenditures to improve preparedness and response capabilities.

Adoption of this Resolution would authorize acceptance of \$359,470 in DHS grant funds to be received from the State for the performance period of September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022. The grant funding will be provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and administered by the Washington State Division of Emergency Management. There are no matching fund requirements for this grant project.

These funds will be utilized to enhance the capability of existing emergency management programs and are neither eligible nor intended to replace portions of the City program already in place. These grant monies will be deposited in the Operating Grants and Donations Fund and are to be expended for administrative support functions designed to accomplish the objectives identified in the scope of work. Sufficient appropriation exists within the 2021-2022 proposed budget for this subgrant agreement.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Subgrant Agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$359,470 for cybersecurity and emergency services sustainment.
2. Do not adopt Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9843

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Grant Agreement