

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) subgrant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$218,750 for vulnerable populations planning, citizen preparedness and outreach and sustainment; 2) authorizing the deposit of said funds into the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$218,750; 3) appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and 4) authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

These funds will be utilized to enhance the capability of planning, training, and management & administration 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. 6609.

## 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 FFY21 Homeland Security Grants program. Grants such as this one address current needs and prepare the City for the future. FFY21 projects include:

**Planning (\$200,000):** In order to have an informed, prepared, Seattle Urban Area, able to respond to a terrorist threat/attack, certain operational and coordination activities need to be managed. This includes participating as an active UASI subcommittee member, contributing to the regional THIRA and SPR, provide communication with the community, alerting them of threats during a terrorist threat attack and coordinating with volunteer groups to provide necessary services to the community.

**Training (\$10,000):** Training team members to provide support to the Seattle Urban Area, successfully manage UASI projects, and enhance communication in multiple languages and media formats during a terrorist threat/attack.

**Management and Administration (\$8,750):** A maximum of up to 3 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 \$218,750 in DHS grant funds to be received from the State for the performance period of September 1, 2021- September 30, 2023. 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 2021-2023 proposed budget for this subgrant agreement.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) subgrant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$218,750 for vulnerable populations planning, citizen preparedness and outreach and sustainment; 2) authorizing the deposit of said funds into the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$218,750; 3) appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and 4) authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

Proposed Ordinance No. 6609

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Grant Agreement