

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT WESTROPE, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE
FY 2024 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT
PROGRAM FUNDS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council by resolution: 1) accept a grant award from the Department of Homeland Security as distributed by the City and County of San Francisco for the FY 2024 Urban Areas Security Initiative Program (UASI) Grant Funds in the amount of \$39,317; 2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco as the fiscal agent and City of Santa Rosa for the distribution of FY 2024 UASI Grant Funds, and all related documents required for receiving such funds; and 3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate \$39,317 of grant funds into a project key to be established by the Chief Financial Officer.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program provides funding to address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-risk urban areas, and assists them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, prepare for, and respond to acts of terrorism.

The Santa Rosa Fire Department will use the funding to purchase ballistic personal protective equipment to protect the physical safety of personnel responding to mass casualty incidents and allows personnel to quickly provide medical care and evacuation to minimize and mitigate the impacts of any such incidents.

BACKGROUND

The 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program provides funding to address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-risk urban areas, and assists them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, prepare for, and respond to acts of terrorism.

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The Department of Homeland Security has designated the City and County of San Francisco as the fiscal agent for this grant. The City of Santa Rosa is a part of this UASI region. The City of Santa Rosa Fire Department applied as a subrecipient to receive funds to purchase ballistic personal protective equipment for our department's use.

The City of Santa Rosa Fire Department applied for and was awarded this competitive award to fund the purchase of ballistic personal protective equipment. The ability to respond to active assailant incidents and other MCIs safely, promptly and effectively is a core part of the department's all risk EMS mission and the expectation of the population served. This also allows the department to ensure a level of safety for personnel responding to such situations.

The funds would be appropriated from the General Fund, staff would work with the Purchasing Agent to purchase the equipment as outlined in the agreement and referenced documents, and reimbursement sought in a timely manner to reimburse the general fund. The period of performance for the agreement ends on December 31, 2025.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

The acceptance of this funding will allow the Fire Department to purchase critical personal protective equipment (PPE) for personnel. This critical PPE has reached the end of its life cycle and needs to be replaced. If a mass casualty incident were to occur in the interim, staff would be at risk of injury.

FISCAL IMPACT

The initial amount appropriated from the General Fund can be reimbursed after the purchase and reimbursement request as outlined in the MOU agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. In the alternative, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A (Agreement)

PRESENTER

Scott Westrope, Fire Chief