To: Mayor via City Secretary

## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: FY2016 Port Security Grant Program	Category	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM (Department or other point of origin):  Dennis J. Storemski, Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security	Origination Date: Agenda Date 5/10/2016		
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: A Committee of the	Council District affected:		
For additional information contact: Dennis J. Storemski Phone: 832-393-0875	Date and Identification of prior authorizing Council action:		
RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) Approval of an ordinance authorizing the U.S. Department of Homeland Secu			
Amount of Funding: \$1,856,132	F & A Budget:		
SOURCE OF FUNDING: [X] Grant Funds: \$1,856,132 US Department	of Homeland Security		

## **SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**

#### BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides grant funds to states and local jurisdictions for use in strengthening critical infrastructure against terrorist attack. The Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funding is available to entities for improving port-wide maritime security risk management; enhancing maritime domain awareness; supporting maritime security training and exercises; and for maintaining maritime security mitigation capabilities. This is a nationally-competitive program, and the award expectation is uncertain.

The City of Houston requests authorization to apply for, accept, and manage funds that will be used to purchase equipment and training for the Houston Police Department (HPD), the Houston Fire Department (HFD), and Houston Information Technology Services (HITS). To include:

- Geo-Redundant Radio Prime Site Support
- Houston Police Department Air Support Enhancements and Maintenance
- Lake Houston Dam Patrol Capabilities
- Houston Police Department Marine Unit Enhancement
- Houston Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

# **MATCH REQUIREMENT**

This grant program requires 25% local match, which effectively means that the federal government will provide \$3 for each \$1 that the local government contributes to the project. The Houston Ship Channel Security District has budgeted the match/local share for 4 of the 5 proposed projects. HFD has committed to provide the required match for the PPE project (fund 1800 – Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund at \$160,486).

Federal Share (75%)	Local Share (25%)	TOTAL
\$1,856,132	\$618,711	\$2,474,843

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council authorize the director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security to apply for, accept received awards, and to request and/or accept any amendments/modifications to this agreement or any subsequent agreements necessary to secure Houston's allocation through this grant program.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
F & A Director:	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:		