



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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MYR FY2020 Homeland Security Grant Program

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Summary:

ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security (Director) to electronically submit applications for Subrecipient Grant Assistance and execute and accept Subrecipient Grant Agreements with the **STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR RELATING TO THE FY2020 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE AND THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM**; declaring the City’s eligibility for such Grants; authorizing the Director to act as the City’s representative in the application process, to request and/or accept the Grants and manage and expend the Grant Funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program including amendments or modifications to these agreements or any subsequent documents necessary to secure the City’s Grant Funding through the life of these Grant awards

Background:

It is recommended that Council authorize the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security to apply for, accept and execute sub-award agreements and to request and/or accept any amendments/modifications to these agreements or any subsequent agreements necessary to secure Houston’s allocations through this grant program (not to exceed five years).

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides grants to enhance the capacity of state and local governments to respond to incidents of terrorism and natural disasters. The Homeland Security Grant Program includes both the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) The UASI program specifically addresses the unique needs of high risk urban areas with funding to develop an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. In Texas, the agency that manages and administers these programs is the Texas Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, which, once approved, will forward the City of Houston’s FY2020 HSGP grant awards in 28 component sub-awards.

Local allocations of UASI funds are governed by an executive committee that includes representation from the City of Houston and Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery counties. The committee receives proposals from jurisdictions across the region that are reviewed and prioritized by committees of subject matter experts. After deciding which projects will best “buy down” the region’s risk, the successful proposals are included in a formal grant application to DHS. The department requests council approval to apply for, accept, and manage (including amendments/modifications to the awards) grant funds through the Homeland Security Grant Program.

- **UASI** (\$9,929,391.00) – Funds are requested for planning, organization, equipment, training and exercises. There are 24 projects requested by the City of Houston for this program. The largest projects requested include:
 - \$1,473,269.00 for the sustainment and enhancement of the 700 MHz radio system;
 - \$1,820,212.00 for regional planning and preparedness;
 - \$983,215.00 for enhancements to the Houston Regional Intelligence Service Center, our region’s fusion center; and
 - \$588,345.00 for regional technology and operations support to sustain and enhance capabilities at the City of Houston Emergency Operations Center and Office of Emergency Management, and throughout the five-county UASI region.
- **SHSP** (\$398,970.12) – There are four (4) sub-awards allocated to the City of Houston for this program. These funds are allocated to sustain planning support for the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Initiative, and equipment support for the Houston Police Department’s and Houston Fire Department’s Special Response Teams.

Fiscal Note:

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

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George T. Buenik, Director

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance 2019-766

Amount of Funding:

\$10,328,361.12 Grant Fund 5030 Federal, Local, State Pass through

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Description

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Ordinance

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