



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: 9/21/2021

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Item Creation Date: 9/1/2021

MYR FY2021 Port Security Grant Program

Agenda Item#: 30.

**Summary:**

ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security ("Director") to submit an application for grant assistance to the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FY2021 Port Security Grant Program ("Grant"); declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept the grant and expend the grant funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Program

**Background:**

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 (not to exceed five years).

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) is a national competitive program that offers funding 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.

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

- Specialized equipment and training for HPD's Port Patrol unit and
- Additional components for the Fire Fighting Prop for HFD

**COST SHARE**

This grant program requires 25% local cost share, 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 (HSCD) has budgeted the local share for the HFD project and a portion of the HPD project. HSCD's contribution is \$316,435 which we will receive at a later date; the balance (\$21,233) cash share will be paid by Houston Police Department' general fund budget.

Federal Share (75%)	Local Share (25%)	TOTAL
\$1,013,002.00	\$337,668.00	<b>\$1,350,670.00</b>

**Fiscal Note:**

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

Funding for this item is included in the FY2022 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as state in the Financial Policies.

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*George Buenic*  
George T. Buenic, Director

**Prior Council Action:**

Ordinance 2020-0875

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$1,013,002.00 - Federal Government (5000)  
 \$21,233.00 - General Fund (1000)  
 \$316,435.00 - Other Government Fund (5040)  
**\$1,350,670.00 - Total**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

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