



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Homeland Security Grant Program-Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) - Grant Subaward

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Accepting the Grant Subaward from City of Sacramento for the Homeland Security Grant Program Urban Areas Security Initiative and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Subaward Agreement and Purchase Specialized Tools and Equipment.

Background:

The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The UASI program is intended to provide financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and to assist these areas in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism using the Whole Community approach.

For the UASI award in the Fiscal Year 2024 the Department of Homeland Security focused on the criticality of information sharing and collaboration to building a national culture of preparedness and protecting against terrorism and other threats to national security. The threats to the nation have evolved during the past two decades. The nation now faces continuous cyber threats by sophisticated actors, threats to soft targets and crowded places, and threats from domestic violent extremists who currently pose the greatest terrorism threat to the nation.

The City of Sacramento is the regional agency for the Homeland Security Grant Program Urban Areas Security Initiative, and has, in coordination with the City of Rocklin Police Department for the benefit of the Sacramento Urban Area, applied for and was awarded a grant on September 1, 2024, from the Homeland Security Grant Program-Urban Area Security Initiative in the amount of two million eight hundred twenty thousand six hundred seventy-two dollars (\$2,820,672), starting on or about October 1, 2025 and ending March 30, 2027.

The City of Rocklin Police Department has been awarded a subaward from the City of Sacramento in the amount of one hundred six thousand, two hundred thirty-one dollars (\$106,231) for the specific purpose to purchase specialized Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) equipment for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit (Bomb Squad). The Bomb Squad operates as a regional team comprised of employees from both cities of Rocklin and Roseville Police Departments.

Rocklin Municipal Code (RMC) Section 3.040.50C states the purchase of goods for an amount more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) must be approved by the City Council. Specialized EOD equipment purchases include two EOD Suits from MED-ENG, LLC in the amount of ninety-two thousand, nine hundred and eighty-three cents (\$92,900.83). The EOD Suits are used by all members of the Bomb Squad.

Federal grant funding procurement requirements provide that noncompetitive procurement methods may be used if after soliciting several sources, competition is determined inadequate. The EOD Suits vendor, MED-ENG, LLC, not only meets but exceeds the public safety bomb suit standard, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standard 0117.01, and is certified by NIJ. Equipment purchased under UASI may be subject to domestic preference requirements, as such, to maintain compliance with Buy American Act (BAA). Two companies produce certified bomb suits in the United States: MED-ENG, LLC and Safe Pro USA. Both companies' ensembles are designated as a full coverage bomb suit; however, only MED-ENG, LLC is designed as an integrated platform with built-in voice command and control systems for cooling and lighting and superior specialized optics and integrated communications that connect to existing all-bands radios for communication. MED-ENG, LLC provides articulated armor allowing greater ranges of motion with integrated protective footwear. MED-ENG, LLC also provides inter-agency compatibility with County of Placer, Sacramento Area EOD Unit, Yolo County Bomb Squad and California Highway Patrol who all use MED-ENG, LLC. Familiarity with equipment and interoperability are key factors when performing in high pressure emergencies.

RMC 3.04.090 grants exceptions to the formal and informal competitive procurement process. Due to the technical compatibility and interoperability with existing equipment the purchase of the EOD Suits qualify under RMC 3.04.090.E.15 to serve the City's interests.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) require the Rocklin City Council adopt a Resolution (Attachment 1) in order to execute the agreement and accept and use the Subaward. Staff recommends the City Council adopt the Resolution approving the grant subaward and approving the non-competitive procurement of the EOD specialized equipment. As part of the Resolution, staff also recommends the City Council authorize any budgetary and accounting transactions up to \$106,231 in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Operating Budget in the Police Grant Fund (244) necessary to administer the grant.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The total grant award is \$106,231 and no City match is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A City of Sacramento Approval Notification
3. Exhibit B City of Sacramento Subaward Agreement with Exhibits A-E