



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (**UASI**) GRANT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION

BY:

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RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ Staff recommends City Council accept a grant in the total amount of \$52,589, from the Urban Area Security Initiative (**UASI**), for tools and equipment for the Fire Department's heavy rescue fire apparatus.
- ❑ Approve the attached Budget Adjustment No. 08-010 in the amount of \$52,589 to increase revenues and appropriations for recognition of grant funds and the purchase of tools and equipment for the Fire Department's heavy rescue fire apparatus.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department requested \$52,589 in grant funds, to purchase additional tools and equipment, enabling the upgrade of existing equipment on its heavy rescue vehicle.

The City will be a sub-recipient of grant funds originating from the State of California Office of Homeland Security to enhance county-wide emergency preparedness. The grant funding will be administered by the City of Santa Ana's UASI grant fund allocation. This equipment has been determined to provide interoperability with all county-wide fire departments deemed necessary by the UASI and Homeland Security guidelines.

ANALYSIS:

Currently, Mesa Squad 85 is an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) resource that meets the requirement of a "Medium-Level" resource, as rated by the Office of Emergency Services (OES). The Federal Government has made available, UASI grant funds to assist agencies, including the Costa Mesa Fire Department, in upgrading to an Urban Search and Rescue "Heavy-Level" apparatus. The Heavy-Level USAR status will better enable our Firefighters to mitigate emergencies within a "collapse zone", or other Search and Rescue response challenges. The UASI generated funds are being provided to all of the area USAR agencies within the County of Orange, in an effort to upgrade other USAR providers from medium to heavy-level status.

A “working” USAR emergency response within our City will require the need for additional USAR teams from surrounding agencies, to provide manpower and equipment to mitigate the emergency. The UASI money provides the tools and equipment to make all teams better able to handle the County USAR emergency, by increasing the compliment of these tools and equipment on each apparatus.

The UASI grant will enable the Fire Department to purchase the tools and equipment necessary for its heavy rescue fire apparatus. The equipment cache must be purchased, delivered and invoiced before December 15, 2007 for reimbursements to occur, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant. The total cost of the equipment is not exceed \$52,589 (Attachment 2).

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives were considered.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There are no City matching funds required for this reimbursable grant from UASI. Budget Adjustment number 08-010, is recommended for adoption, to recognize revenue and appropriate the grant funding received for the equipment purchases referenced herein.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is necessary for this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends City Council accept a grant in the total amount not to exceed \$52,859 from the Urban Area Security Initiative (**UASI**), for the purchase of tools and equipment for the Fire Department’s heavy rescue fire apparatus.

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ATTACHMENT: 1 [Budget Adjustment No. 08-010](#)
2 [Tools & Equipment List](#)

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