



Staff Report

File #: 21-0440

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 05/19/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT:

Acceptance and appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant from the State of California Office of Emergency Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program provides funding to assist Urban Areas in support of terrorism preparedness. A grant was awarded to the City for Fiscal Year 2020 in a total amount of \$72,000, which is requested to be accepted and appropriated within the City budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council:

- a. Accept the State of California Office of Emergency Services Grant Program, sub-granted through the City of Riverside, for the Fiscal Year 2020 Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant.
- b. Authorize the Chief of Police to execute all documents related to the Fiscal Year 2020 Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant.
- c. Authorize an appropriation and estimated revenue increase of \$72,000 from the unappropriated General Fund Balance to be reimbursed from the City of Riverside and increase the General Fund estimated revenue by the same amount for the program award.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

In June 2019, the Police Department applied for a grant from the State of California Office of Emergency Services through the City of Riverside for the Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Program to fund a video analytics program. This would be a resource available to all partner agencies within the region. The Police Department application was approved, and the letter notifying

the City of the grant award was received in April 2021.

The 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 using the Whole Community approach. The UASI program is intended to provide financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs in our region.

ANALYSIS:

During complex investigations, significant amounts of digital media, specifically in the form of video, must be thoroughly reviewed to identify suspects, capture potential evidence of crimes, or as a means of developing additional investigative leads. Traditional investigative techniques require the manual examination of video files for pertinent information, and these scans are time intensive and have potential for human error. Video analytics software utilizes customized algorithms to quickly scan digital media for items matching user defined characteristics. The software can be used to identify vehicle makes and models, locate license plate numbers, and identify specific vehicle characteristics relevant to on-going investigations. The ability to rapidly evaluate digital media not only increases the accuracy of video examinations, but it accelerates the speed at which they occur. Video analytics software is capable of scanning files 90% faster than humans. In the case of rapidly developing and complex investigations, this time savings becomes critical, and access to video analytics software would extremely enhance the capabilities of the Police Department. In addition to providing invaluable assistance to the Police Department, the software would also provide a critical resource to partnering agencies within the greater Western Riverside County area.

The grant project performance period will be from September 1, 2020 through May 31, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended actions will result in an appropriation and estimated revenue increase of \$72,000 in the General Fund. This grant has no cost sharing or matching requirements. Any unused budget from Fiscal Year 2021 will carry forward in Fiscal Year 2022.

GENERAL FUND	
Adopted Budget - FY 2021 Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ (9,795,360)
Use of Pension Obligation Reserve	2,530,492
Previously Approved/Revised Budget Adjustments (Net)*	(5,021,578)
Current Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures [Note 1]	(12,286,446)
FY 2020 Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant - Appropriation	(72,000)
FY 2020 Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant - Revenue	72,000
Revised Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures	\$(12,286,446)
Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - Actual 06/30/20	40,539,138
Estimated FY 2021 Change in Budget Balancing Measures Reserve	(12,286,446)
Estimated Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - 06/30/21	\$ 28,252,692

* Approved through Council Action or other operational process.

Note 1: Includes other General Fund items on the May 19, 2021 agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action is the purchasing of software and equipment, and it will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

PREPARED BY: MICHELLE ADAMS, MANAGEMENT ANALYST II

REVIEWED BY: ROBERT NEWMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - FY2020 Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Project Approval