



Council Meeting: February 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Appropriation of Department of Homeland Security Training Funds and Budget Modification No. 28

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides grant funding each year to states in support of prevention and preparedness efforts related to terrorism and large scale disasters. The State of California distributes funding to counties (Operational Areas) based on population and on potential threats. As a sub-grantee of Santa Clara County, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is eligible to receive DHS Grant funds to support training and equipment acquisition.

Staff recommends that Council authorize the acceptance and appropriation of these funds to offset the expenses incurred in the Public Safety budget and approve Budget Modification 28.

BACKGROUND

The Bay Area Super-Urban Area Security Initiative (SUASI) is a Federal Department of Homeland Security grant that provides resources for the unique training, equipment, planning and exercise needs of 35 selected national high threat urban areas. The Bay Area SUASI is one of 35 national urban areas and one of five in California.

The City of Sunnyvale, as an incorporated city within the Bay Area Branch of the SUASI and as a sub-grantee of Santa Clara County, has the opportunity to apply for Training and Exercise Grant monies to support one of the program goals:

- Provide planning, training, equipment and exercises to the SUASI region to improve capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist incidents or related catastrophic events.

In September 2007, Council approved Public Safety's on-going participation in the MOU which governs the distribution of the funds through the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (RTC 07-327).

EXISTING POLICY

4.1 Law Enforcement Sub-Element

Goal 4.1A: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community.

Action Statement 4.1A.1d: Maintain, train and equip special response teams for extraordinary or extremely hazardous emergency incidents.

Goal 4.1B: Provide community oriented services that are responsive to citizen's needs in traditionally non-criminal areas.

Policy 4.1D.2: Provide effective and efficient management of Public Safety resources in order to meet the needs of: The community, the internal organization, and those mandated by regional, State, and Federal agencies.

Action Statement 4.1D.2b: Develop proposals and apply for appropriate governmental grants.

DISCUSSION

In September 2008, DPS staff participated in a regional Multi-Patient Management Plan (MPMP) Drill. The goals and objectives of this exercise fit into the parameters for the SUASI Funding and staff submitted a request for reimbursement which was approved. This drill was not part of the department's funded initiative for this fiscal year. Had grant funds to participate not been available, it is not likely that the City would have participated.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net impact to the General Fund for accepting this grant. The expenditure appropriation for this project will match the grant revenue received. Budget Modification No. 28 has been prepared to accept \$14,389 in grant revenues for FY 2008/2009 and to appropriate those funds to a new special project, Multiple Patient Management Planning (Drill).

**Budget Modification No. 28
FY 2008/2009**

<u>General Fund</u>	Current	Increase/(Decrease)	Revised
<u>Revenues</u>			
Super Urban Area Securities Initiative (SUASI) Grant	\$0	\$14,389	\$14,389
<u>Expenditures</u>			
New Special Project Multiple Patient Management Planning (Drill)	\$0	\$14,389	\$14,389

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Accept and appropriate the SUASI monies for the Multiple Patient Management Planning Drill and approve Budget Modification No. 28.
2. Do not accept and appropriate the SUASI monies for the Multiple Patient Management Planning Drill and approve Budget Modification No. 28.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends Alternative #1. Accept and appropriate the SUASI monies for the Multiple Patient Management Planning Drill and approve Budget Modification No. 28.

Reviewed by:

Don Johnson, Director, Public Safety
Prepared by: Heather Tannehill, Management Analyst

**Acceptance and Appropriation of Department of Homeland Security Training Funds and
Budget Modification No. 28
February 24, 2009
Page 4 of 4**

Reviewed by:

Mary J. Bradley, Director, Finance

Approved by:

Gary M. Luebbers
City Manager