

**Council Meeting: March 9, 2010****SUBJECT: Approval of Budget Modification No. 24 to Appropriate Department of Homeland Security Training Funds****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.

The Emergency Preparedness Council of Santa Clara County, serving as the Operational Area Council, appointed an Anti-terrorism Approval Authority for the purpose of distributing federal funds at the local level. The Approval Authority consists of the County Public Health Officer, the County Fire Chief, a municipal fire chief, the County Sheriff, and a municipal police chief. The purpose of the Approval Authority is to approve the distribution of federal funds at the operational area level after reviewing identified risks, federal and state mandates, and local requests.

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

Super Urban Area Security Initiative

In November 2009, Public Safety staff participated in the Alameda County Urban Shield Exercise. Urban Shield is an event hosted annually by the Alameda County Sheriff's department that is designed to challenge the skills, determination and readiness of the participating tactical, Fire and EMS teams. Through these events the participants learn to work together and coordinate efforts in various unfamiliar locations. Each year the exercises are carefully planned and evaluated for their realism and attachment to problem areas identified by the Department of Homeland Security. The teams are faced with several scenarios and provided an opportunity to use their issued equipment and technology under the simulated real-world conditions. Participants are evaluated in a multitude of areas to provide feedback for improvement in the categorical areas of operation identified by the Department of Homeland Security. For the 2009 Urban Shield Exercise Public Safety was reimbursed for \$42,786 in overtime and backfill expenses.

Public Safety was also provided the opportunity for the 2009 Urban Shield Exercise to host an event. This participation was approved pursuant to the SHSGP agreement and reimbursed through the SUASI program. Public Safety has been authorized for payment in the amount of \$21,722 to reimburse for the overtime and backfill expended to host the exercise.

For FY 2010/2011 Public Safety has been approved by the SHGP Approval Authority in Santa Clara County to receive up to \$70,757 for overtime and backfill to participate in the 2010 Alameda County Urban Shield Training Exercise.

FISCAL IMPACT

In conjunction with the Department of Finance, Public Safety will establish two SUASI-related special projects. The first will be in FY 2009/2010 to cover the

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expenditures associated with the Urban Shield Exercise that have already been incurred. The second project will capture the expenditures for the approved FY 2010/2011 participation in the training exercise and will be included in the FY 2010/2011 Recommended Budget. All expenditures will be offset by the funds received from SUASI, and therefore will have no net impact to the General Fund. Budget Modification No. 24 has been prepared to appropriate FY 2009/2010 grant revenues to cover the cost of the Urban Shield Exercise.

**Budget Modification No. 24
FY 2009/2010**

	Current	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised
General Fund			
<u>Revenues</u>			
FY09/10 Super Urban Area Securities Initiative (SUASI)	\$0	\$64,508	\$64,508
<u>Expenditures</u>			
New Project: 2009 Urban Shield Exercise	\$0	\$64,508	\$64,508

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. Approve Budget Modification No. 24 to appropriate the SUASI monies for the 2009 Alameda County Urban Shield Exercises.
2. Do not approve Budget Modification No. 24 to appropriate the SUASI monies for the 2009 Alameda County Urban Shield Exercises.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends Alternative #1, approve Budget Modification No. 24 to appropriate the SUASI monies for the 2009 Alameda County Urban Shield Exercises.

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