



# **Agenda Report**

## **Fullerton City Council**

**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 19, 2024

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** ADAM LOESER, FIRE CHIEF

**PREPARED BY:** ANDREW YANG, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST II  
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PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR

**SUBJECT:** AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SANTA ANA FOR  
TRANSFER OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT / SERVICES  
OR FOR TRAINING COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2023 URBAN AREAS SECURITY  
INITIATIVE

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### SUMMARY

Staff seeks approval to participate in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program administered by the City of Santa Ana. This agreement would allow the City to receive reimbursement for eligible expenses related to equipment, services and training for homeland security and emergency preparedness.

### PROPOSED MOTION

1. Approve Agreement for Transfer or Purchase of Equipment / Services or for Reimbursement of Training Costs with the City of Santa Ana for the FY 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program.
2. Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and related documents necessary to participate in the grant program.
3. Authorize City Manager to accept and appropriate grant funding receipt and use.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Do not approve the Proposed Motion
- Other options brought by City Council.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

## CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City Manager requests approval of the proposed motion.

## PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety
- Infrastructure and City Assets.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The UASI Grant operates on a reimbursement basis, requiring the City to expend City funds for eligible activities before seeking reimbursement. The grant award amount is not yet determined. Eligible expenses include equipment, services, training costs (e.g. tuition, salary, benefits) and travel expenses. This grant has no matching requirement.

## BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security administers the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant program as part of the Homeland Security Grant Program. The program assists high-threat, high-density urban areas build and sustain capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from terrorism acts.

FY 2023 UASI grant program invited the City of Fullerton to participate as a sub-recipient. Fullerton belongs to the Anaheim / Santa Ana Urban Area (ASUA) which encompasses 40 distinct entities. The City of Santa Ana serves as the ASUA grant fiscal agent. The ASUA received a \$5,113,750 award in 2023, with \$835,000 obligated to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center. The allocation among the ASUA entities and specific project approvals will determine the exact amount of funding available to the City of Fullerton.

Participation in the UASI program allows the City to enhance emergency response capabilities with minimal General Fund impact. This grant provides funding opportunities for a wide range of homeland security and emergency preparedness activities. Eligible expenses typically include:

- terrorism preparedness planning and exercise activities
- first responders and other key personnel training
- specialized equipment purchase for emergency response
- emergency communications and cybersecurity technological improvements.

Approving this agreement authorizes the City Manager to execute documents to participate in the grant program and accept awarded funds. This approval also allows grant-funded activities and purchases throughout the grant performance period from August 14, 2024 to March 31, 2026. Staff would return to City Council with any necessary budget adjustments or approval requests for purchases and vendor contracts after finalizing the grant award.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – FY 2023 UASI Agreement

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt