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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **City Council Staff Report**

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Agenda Item No. 6

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Approval of the 2017 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program Transfer Agreement with the City of Santa Ana

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**ABSTRACT:**

The Federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program dedicates funding support to select high-threat, high-density urban areas in order to address their unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise needs in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. In Fiscal Year 2017, 33 high-threat, high-density urban areas were eligible for funding under the UASI Grant Program, including the Orange County Metropolitan Area.

The City of Santa Ana applied for, received and accepted a \$4,344,000 grant under the UASI Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for use in the County of Orange to provide for terrorism prevention and enhancement of emergency preparedness. The City of Santa Ana is responsible for the management and administration of the UASI Grant Program and is overseen by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The City of Santa Ana desires to distribute a portion of the UASI Grant to the City of Newport Beach to provide the City's first responders with equipment and training to better prepare for a terrorist attack and/or natural disaster.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2018-59, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Approving the Agreement for Transfer or Purchase of Equipment/Services or for Reimbursement of Training Costs for Fiscal Year 2017 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Between the City of Newport Beach and the City of Santa Ana.*

### **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

There are no funding requirements associated with this item.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The UASI Grant Program was authorized by Congress in 2003 and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The Federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program dedicates funding support to select high-threat, high density urban areas in order to address their unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. The urban areas are chosen by DHS based on a formula that takes into account factors such as critical infrastructure, population density and credible threat information. Among other densely populated areas, the City of Santa Ana was selected as the “core city” for the Orange County Metropolitan Area, was awarded approximately \$4,344,000 in FY 2017, and is responsible for the management and administration of the UASI Grant Program.

The FY 2017 UASI Grant Program priorities for Orange County include:

- Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capability
- Enhance Information Collection, Analysis and Dissemination
- Improve and Expand Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Citizen Preparedness and Participation
- Homeland Security Training Program

The City of Newport Beach is considered an urban area sub-recipient under this grant program. Once the Transfer Agreement is approved, the City is eligible to receive equipment and training. To date, the City has received over \$500,000 in grant funded equipment and training since 2004.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2018-59