

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 5, 2021

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT **December 8, 2021, Upcoming City Council Agenda Item - FY2021 Homeland Security Grant Program Award Acceptance**

In October of 2021, the Department of Homeland Security announced its grant funding for the 2021 award year. As a designated recipient of this funding, the City of Dallas has applied for and been awarded **\$6,588,275.00** to build our capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from a terrorist attack or natural disaster. There is no local match requirement for this grant.

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is comprised of several grant programs and we generally receive awards under two of those categories, the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). This year we were awarded through both the UASI and SHSP funding stream. Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, salaries, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration costs.

Through the Homeland Security Grant Program, the City of Dallas has been awarded \$6,588,275.00. This program focuses on the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, with specific carve outs for Law Enforcement activities and Management and Administration of the grant. It assists us in building sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. This award will be used to fund:

- Enhancements to the City's communications systems
- Law Enforcement Training and Equipment enhancements
- Equipment and Maintenance for the Dallas Fire Department's US&R and HazMat teams
- Enhancements to the City's Emergency Operations Center
- Planning, training, and exercise of emergency management and first responder personnel
- Systems to combat domestic violent extremism
- Cybersecurity upgrades

From 2003 - 2020, the Department of Homeland Security has awarded the City of Dallas over \$124 million in grant funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program. These funds are awarded based on an analysis of a region's risk level and the effectiveness of the grant application.

We request your acceptance of this award which will be placed on the council agenda on December 8, 2021 for full council approval.

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Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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