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AGENDA STATEMENT
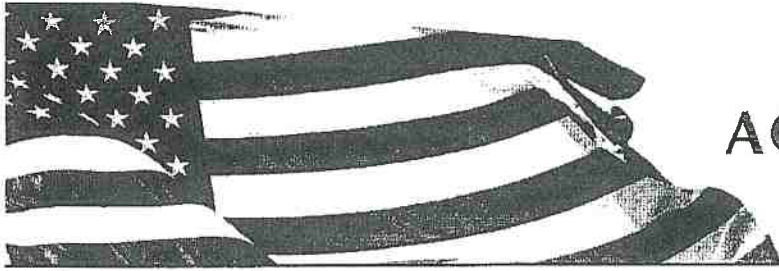
CITY OF
CHULA VISTA

02/01/2011   Item 5

ITEM TITLE:	RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING $249,694 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND FOR THE URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM
SUBMITTED BY:	CHIEF OF POLICE
REVIEWED BY:	CITY MANAGER

4/5THS VOTE: YES **X**   NO

SUMMARY

The City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security, who administers the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program, has notified the City of the fiscal year 2010 UASI award in the amount of $249,694. The UASI program addresses the unique multiple-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and assists these Areas in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt the resolution.

BOARDS/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

Since its inception in FY 2003, the intent of the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program has been to enhance regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas. The UASI program directly supports the National Priority on expanding regional collaboration in the *National Preparedness Guidelines* and is intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery. Activities implemented with UASI funds must support terrorism preparedness by building or enhancing capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, response to, or recovery from terrorism in order to be considered eligible. However, many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate the dual-use quality for any activities implemented that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness.

The fiscal year 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) provides funding for the continued development of readiness and operational response capacity of Police, Fire and Public Works personnel. Funds allocated by fiscal year 2010 UASI will permit the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments to purchase equipment that will complement existing equipment configurations that were purchased with previous Homeland Security funds. UASI grant administrators from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) have approved the expenditure plan of equipment, planning and training needs of the City. The spending plan was submitted in advance of funding approval in accordance with grant requirements. Grant funds are restricted in how they can be spent and cannot supplant normal budgetary items for the City. The specific spending plan is as follows:

Equipment
The fiscal year 2010 UASI funds will purchase communications, protection, detection and computer equipment in the amount of $140,354 that will be used by the City's first responders. Equipment funds have been allocated to the Police & Fire Departments to purchase portable radios that complement an existing configuration of radio equipment and maintain regional communications interoperability. Additionally, the Police Department will also purchase a license plate reader.

Training
Funding in the amount of $109,340 has been allocated to the Fire Department to conduct two training courses: NFPA Rope Rescue Technician and NFPA Structural Collapse Technician.

Rope Rescue Technician is a five-day course designed to meet certification requirements based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1006. This training includes the participant's ability to evaluate, manage, and perform a technical rope rescue. After completion of this course students will take written and skills tests per NFPA 1006 job performance requirements.

Structural Collapse Technician is an eight-day 80-hour course designed to meet certification requirements based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security, who administers the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program, has notified the City of the fiscal year 2010 UASI award in the amount of $249,694; and

WHEREAS, the UASI program addresses the unique multiple-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and assists these Areas in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2010 UASI funds will purchase communications, protection, detection and computer equipment in the amount of $140,354 that will be used by the City's first responders; and

WHEREAS, the UASI funding will also allow the Fire Department to conduct Rope Rescue Technician and Structural Collapse Technician training courses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby accept $249,694 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and appropriate $29,340 to personnel services, $191,783 to supplies and services and $28,571 to capital of the Federal Grants Fund for the Urban Areas Security Initiative.

Presented by: Approved as to form by:

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David Bejarano   Glen R. Googins
Police Chief   City Attorney