

**Upcoming  
Council Agenda Items**

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: November 7, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine R. Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: **FY2014 Homeland Security Grants Award Acceptance**

In August of 2014, the Department of Homeland Security announced its grant funding for the 2014 award year, totaling over \$1 billion for the nation. As a designated recipient of this funding, **the City of Dallas has applied for and been awarded \$5,818,875 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 received awards under two of those categories. Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, salaries, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration costs.

Under the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), the City of Dallas has been awarded \$5,818,875. UASI 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, and recover from acts of terrorism. This award will be used to fund:

- Enhancements to the City's communications systems
- Planning and execution for a backup Emergency Operations Center
- Sustainment and maintenance for prior year's projects
- Planning, training and exercise of emergency management and first responder personnel

Under the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP), the City of Dallas has been awarded \$2,500. SHSP is designed to aid local governments in assisting with state-wide strategies. This award is to fund specialized training and equipment for the Explosive Ordinance Device Team (Bomb Squad).

From 2003 - 2013, the Department of Homeland Security has awarded the City of Dallas over \$70 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. Funds from these grants have been used to:

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- Provide equipment and training to enhance the City's Public Safety Radio System
- Purchase handheld radios and equipment to aid in the City's upgrade to P25 compliant radio interoperability
- Development of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team, which has been designated Texas Task Force 2 by the State and is available for statewide deployment
- Fund training, exercises, and equipment for specialized response teams such as HazMat, USAR, Bomb Squad and SWAT
- Increase information sharing and intelligence gathering capabilities through the creation of the City of Dallas Fusion Center
- Fund information technology projects such as upgrades to Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems
- Renovate and make upgrades to the Emergency Operations Center
- Improve on-scene incident response with the purchase of a Mobile Command Post and video-sharing equipment for the Helicopter Unit
- Community Preparedness initiatives such as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program
- Generators and water quality monitoring stations to ensure the safety and availability of the City of Dallas's water supply

In addition the City has supported regional projects such as:

- KnowWhat2Do, an award winning regional public education campaign
- Digital Sandbox, homeland security specific risk management software for critical infrastructure
- Incident Command Software, which allows multiple jurisdictions to collaborate through a single operating platform during an incident

The Office of Emergency Management is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of this award. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT: **FY2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant**

In September of 2014, the Department of Homeland Security announced grant funding for the 2014 award year for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). As a designated recipient of this funding, **the City of Dallas has applied for and been awarded \$182,383.65 to build our capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from a terrorist attack or natural disaster.**

This funding will provide reimbursement for 50% of allowable costs for the Office of Emergency Management's FY14 budget, up to **\$182,383.65**.

EMPG is a yearly grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded to local emergency management departments to help develop and maintain plans to respond to all-hazards incidents. Funds are used to reimburse salaries for OEM staff and other costs associated with running the Emergency Management Program.

The Office of Emergency Management is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee for the acceptance of this grant. This item will be placed on the November 12, 2014 City Council Agenda.



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SUBJECT Upcoming Agenda Item: Dallas Fire and Rescue – Digital Sandbox Module

The November 12, 2014 Council Agenda includes an item to authorize an acquisition contract for the purchase, installation and maintenance of Digital Sandbox for Dallas Fire Rescue (DFR) with Haystax, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$374,650, subject to annual appropriations.

Digital Sandbox was acquired for the DFW region with Homeland Security funds and is managed by NCTCOG. Currently the Dallas Police Department and Office of Emergency Management use it for a variety of applications and for special events planning. The acquisition of the Digital Sandbox fire module will give the City the ability to integrate CAD data and store inspections conducted by DFR personnel. It would also bring a collaborative approach to analyzing risk by providing emergency response personnel with detailed information, including photographs, related to possible hazards. This method of information sharing allows outside agencies working with the City of Dallas to take advantage of analytics to assist in planning and response processes.

As a part of the contract the vendor will train DFR personnel, integrate Fire-Rescue CAD and GIS data into the digital sandbox environment.

Please contact Bill Finch at 670-1890 if you have any questions.

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