



DATE: July 12, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$377,260 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUDGET THESE FUNDS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends City Council approval to accept \$377,260 in grant funds from the State of California Office of Emergency Services (OES) awarded to the City of Oceanside for reimbursement of funds expended for equipment and training used to respond to potential terrorist incidents, and approval to budget these funds to the Fire Department. These are reimbursable funds to provide training, improve incident management capability and infrastructure protection, and purchase equipment that will enhance the City's ability to respond to a terrorist or hazardous material incident.

BACKGROUND

In March 2001, the City Council approved a request for the application of a series of terrorism response grant funds. The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant was facilitated by the City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security. For the 2005 award, the OES has approved the City's application for the reimbursement of funds used to train personnel in preparation of potential terrorist incidents. The funds will also be used to purchase equipment used during daily operations, and is not restricted to terrorist incidents. The equipment purchased will be used to enhance several aspects of the City's response capability as well as provide for increased infrastructure protection.

ANALYSIS

The Fire Department will use the funds to make authorized equipment purchases and provide access to first responder training courses as approved in the grant guidelines. Use of these funds will allow the Fire Department to coordinate purchases and training for all City departments receiving benefit. All purchases and training will enhance the City's emergency response capability.

FISCAL IMPACT

This award of \$377,260 includes a reallocation to the City of Oceanside of \$140,977 from 2003 UASI funding. The funds returned to the UASI administrator supported the purchase of a regional cache of equipment. The grant award will reimburse all approved purchases and training costs and no matching funds are required from the City. A budget appropriation in the amount of \$377,260 in grant funds from the State of California Office of Emergency Services to the OFD-UASI-C account (384581.4456) for purchasing \$20,000 of capital equipment (384581.5703), \$222,657 of non-capital equipment (384581.5393) and \$134,603 in training costs (384581.5312).

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

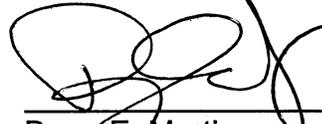
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