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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dana Reed, Director, Office of Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 188 - \$631,666 increasing estimated revenue and expenditure appropriations in the Office of Emergency Management budget, relating to the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative Program. (4/5 Vote)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no impact to the County General Fund resulting from the recommended action. The County has been awarded \$631,666 in Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds, recognized and managed in the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). These funds will be used for the completion of projects in the Office of the Sheriff. OEM will be working with the Office of the Sheriff to procure the goods and services needed for the projects with expenditure authority residing with OEM.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

On August 15, 2023 (Item No.79), the Board authorized the County Executive to submit the Federal FY 2023 application and enter into an award agreement. The Board approved a resolution delegating authority to the County Executive, or in their absence or unavailability, the Chief Operating Officer or Deputy County Executive, to take actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining FY 2023 UASI grant funds, including executing subsequent grant amendments, and any and all actions necessary and relating to the Federal FY 2023 Homeland Security, UASI, and related grant programs, through December 31, 2026.

On November 3, 2023, the City and County of San Francisco notified the OEM that the County had been awarded \$631,666 of FY 2023 UASI grant funding for the period of November 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024.

There is allocated funding for two projects in the Office of the Sheriff: one Bomb Squad Incident Response Vehicle and funds to enhance the public safety capabilities of law

enforcement agencies throughout the region by aggregating criminal information throughout the region into a unified platform, i.e., Coplink.

FY 2023 UASI grant funding has not been allocated for the purchase of military equipment, nor surveillance technology and/or equipment.

The Board is requested to approve the \$631,666 appropriation modification in order to recognize the FY 2023 UASI grant award.

The UASI is administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through its Homeland Security Program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Homeland Security Grant Program provides federal funding to help state and local agencies enhance their capabilities to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies. The Homeland Security Grant Program encompasses several interrelated federal grant programs, including UASI, that together fund a range of preparedness activities, as well as management and administration costs.

Since its inception in 2006, the intent of the federal UASI program has been to enhance regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas in support of the National Preparedness Guidelines. The UASI grant program provides financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline, Planning, Organization, Equipment, and Training and Exercise needs to high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to assist these areas in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats and acts of terrorism. Activities implemented with UASI funds must support terrorism preparedness, response, and recovery. However, many capabilities that support terrorism preparedness response and recovery simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards.

The Bay Area UASI was created in January 2006 when federal government consolidated the urban areas of San Francisco, Oakland, and San José, along with 10 counties. There are over seven million people and over 100 incorporated cities within its geographical area. The Bay Area region also attracts millions of visitors each year. Some of the nation's most notable landmarks are located in the Bay Area, as well as three international airports, five professional sports teams, and the fourth busiest port in the country.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on children or youth by increasing funding for preparedness for all hazards.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on seniors by increasing funding for preparedness for all hazards.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve these actions will prevent the County from accessing FY 2023 UASI funds that address critical public safety needs.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board is requested to send notification to Michelle Sandoval in the Office of Emergency Management once processing of this legislative file is completed.

ATTACHMENTS:

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