



THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: MARCH 18, 2025

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRANT UNDER FISCAL YEAR 2024 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, AWARD NO. EMW-2024-PU-05077

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval to accept and enter into a Grant Award, Grant No. EMW-2024-PU-05077, with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Harbor Department under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). If approved, the proposed Federal award will be in the amount of \$1,113,325 with an award date of September 1, 2024.

Items approved for grant reimbursement subsequent to expenditure by the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) are as follows: the Cyber Threat Detection Software and Storage project in the amount of \$1,000,000, and the Drone As First Responder/Rail Security Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) project in the amount of \$113,325. The award is for a three-year period ending August 31, 2027. A 25% cost share is required under this FY 2024 PSGP, which will be funded by the Harbor Department. The Harbor Department's total cost share for the projects is \$371,108, for a total cost of \$1,484,433 for both projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the Grant Award, Grant No. EMW-2024-PU-05077 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Harbor Department under the Fiscal Year 2024 Port Security Grant Program;

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- 3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Obligating Document for the Award;
- 4. Authorize the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department to implement the projects approved for funding by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and
- 5. Adopt Resolution No. _____ accepting the Grant Award, Grant No. EMW-2024-PU-05077 for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Harbor Department under the FY 2024 PSGP.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context: On April 16, 2024, FEMA announced the FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (Transmittal 1). The FY 2024 PSGP focused on enhancing cybersecurity; enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places; effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; equipment and capital project; and exercises.

On April 17, 2024, the Harbor Department, through an Information Memo (Transmittal 2), advised the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Port Police would be applying for three projects under the FY 2024 Port Security Grant Program.

On September 18, 2024, the Harbor Department was awarded two projects for this round of port security grants:

PROJECT	FEDERAL AMOUNT	25% NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT	TOTAL PROJECT COST
Cyber Threat Detection Software and Storage	\$1,000,000	\$333,333	\$1,333,333
Drone As First Responder/Rail Security UAS	\$113,325	\$37,775	\$151,100
Totals	\$1,113,325	\$371,108	\$1,484,433

Cyber Threat Detection Software and Storage: The Cyber Threat Detection Software and Storage project will purchase malware protection and an extended secure data storage server. The software will protect against potential weakness in the Waterside Surveillance System (WSS) with encryption and respond to cyberattacks. The storage server provides an enterprise-grade, resilient, scalable, and reliable solution for maintaining data. Specific programs supported under the program include, but are not limited to, Closed Circuit Television, access control, and the WSS network.

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Drone As First Responder/Rail Security UAS: The Drone as First-Responder/Rail Security UAS program is directed at enhancing the security of rail used by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as well as responding to other port incidents as needed. The program provides a rapid response and “eyes-on” to emergencies, especially in remote and difficult areas to access.

The FY 2024 DHS Appropriations Act provides funds for a competitive grant program to address physical security enhancements for critical national seaports. The selection of projects submitted was based on the PSGP Application and Guidance package. For the purposes of the PSGP, and due to the high frequency of Sensitive Security Information (SSI) found in Investment Justifications (IJ), all IJs shall be considered SSI and as directed by FEMA, treated as such.

Request for changes, including but not limited to, extensions and change in scope, are to be submitted to the DHS Port Security Grant Program Manager for approval. The DHS PSGP Award is a reimbursement grant and includes a number of terms and conditions that must be followed in order for the grant recipient to be reimbursed. Port Police is responsible for and will comply with the conditions of the Grant Award.

The Harbor Department may request cost reimbursement on a monthly basis. The terms and conditions for this grant are called Agreement Articles and are listed in full on the Award document (Transmittal 3). The Agreement Articles for this grant include cost principles, audit requirements, administrative requirements, and reporting requirements as follows:

- a) The Harbor Department, using existing staff, shall comply with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, as implemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" (Known as Super Circular).
- b) The Harbor Department, using existing staff, shall submit a Progress Report, as per the Port Security Grant Program Guidelines for biannual and final reports as well as quarterly financial reports (SF425).
- c) As required by the Super Circular, the recipient shall notify FEMA of the developments that have significant impact on award-supported projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a Grant Award for cyber threat detection software and storage and Drone as First-Responder/Rail Security UAS program, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has

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determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed Grant Award would authorize the acceptance of the FY 2024 PSGP federal funding of \$1,113,325. In addition, if the FY 2024 PSGP federal funds are accepted, then the Harbor Department will be obligated to commit \$371,108 towards funding two port security projects at a total cost of \$1,484,433.

Total costs and fiscal year spending associated with each of the projects covered under the FY 2024 PSGP, inclusive of granted funds and the 25% Harbor Department cost share are summarized as follows:

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The Harbor Department must front-fund all expenses before requesting reimbursement. Subject to Board approval, funding in the amount of \$1,484,433 for two projects will be requested through the FY 2025/26 budget process within Account 541200 (Port Police Services), Division 52010 (Port Police), Program 000.

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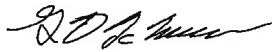
CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed Grant Award Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTAL(S):

1. PSGP FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity
2. Information Memo to the Board of Harbor Commissioners
3. PSGP FY 2024 Award Letter/Package

FIS Approval: 
CA Approval: 



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