



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

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2021

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRANT UNDER FISCAL YEAR 2021 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, AWARD NO. EMW-2021-PU-00478

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval to accept and enter into a Grant Award, EMW-2021-PU-00478, 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) 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). If approved, the proposed Federal award will be in the amount of \$787,500 with an award date of September 1, 2021.

Items approved for grant reimbursement subsequent to expenditure by the Harbor Department are as follows: Security System Expansion and Integration Equipment \$562,500 and Security System Extended Video Storage \$225,000. The award is for a three-year period ending August 31, 2024. A 25% cost share is required under this FY 2021 PSGP, which will be funded by the Harbor Department. The Harbor Department's total cost share for the projects is \$262,500, for a total cost of \$1,050,000 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 actions are administratively and categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) and Article III Class 1(6) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the Grant Award, Grant No. EMW-2021-PU-00198 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 2021 Port Security Grant Program;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Obligating Document for the Award;

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- 4. Authorize the Harbor Department to implement the projects approved for funding by the DHS; and
- 5. Adopt Resolution No. _____ accepting the Grant Award for EMW-2021-PU-00478 for FY 2021 PSGP.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context: On February 25, 2021, FEMA announced the FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (Transmittal 1). The FY 2021 PSGP focused on enhancing cybersecurity; enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places; addressing emerging threats; effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; equipment and capital projects; as well as exercises.

On March 25, 2021, the Harbor Department, through an Information Memo (Transmittal 2), advised the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Port Police would be applying for five projects under the FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program.

On September 2, 2021, the Harbor Department was awarded two projects for this round of port security grants:

PROJECT	FEDERAL AMOUNT	25% NON- FEDERAL AMOUNT	TOTAL PROJECT COST
Security System Expansion and Integration Equipment	\$562,500	\$187,500	\$750,000
Security System Extended Video Storage	\$225,000	\$75,000	\$300,000
Totals	\$787,500	\$262,500	\$1,050,000

Security System Expansion and Integration Equipment: The Security System Expansion and Integration project will fund equipment for the expansion and integration of new and replacement cameras from various Port locations into the existing security system. This project will facilitate the replacement of end-of-life cameras and the installation of new cameras required to sustain the security system and ensure the continued effectiveness of the Port’s security program. Specific programs supported under the program include, but are not limited to, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), access control, and the Waterside Surveillance System (WSS) network.

Security System Extended Video Storage: The Security System Extended Video Storage project will fund an extended video storage server. This server provides an enterprise-grade, resilient, scalable, and reliable solution for maintaining data. This project is a high capacity distributed file system server for the Waterside Security Surveillance System. The server allows all camera streams to be stored in a hardened and secure centralized storage unit.

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The FY 2021 Department of Homeland Security 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 are 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 known as 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 the FEMA of the developments that have significant impact on award-supported projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of and entrance into a Grant Award with FEMA for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Harbor Department under the FY 2020 PSGP and implementation of PSGP projects, which is an administrative activity and an activity involving the addition of safety, security, health or environmental protection devices for use in conjunction with existing structures, facilities or mechanical equipment. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed actions are administratively and categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) and Article III Class 1(6) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed Grant Award would authorize the acceptance of the FY 2021 PSGP federal funding of \$787,500. In addition, if the FY 2021 PSGP federal funds are accepted, then the Harbor Department will be obligated to commit \$262,500 towards funding two port security projects at a total cost of \$1,050,000. Total costs and fiscal year spending associated with each of the projects covered under the FY 2021 PSGP, inclusive of granted funds and the 25% Harbor Department cost share are summarized below:

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The Harbor Department must front-fund all expenses before requesting reimbursement. Funding for the Security System Expansion and Integration Equipment and the Security System Extended Video Storage will be requested in future fiscal years as part of the annual budget process.

Subject to Board approval, funding in the amount of \$1,050,000 for both projects will be requested through the FY 2022/23 budget process within Center 0412, Program 640, Account 54286 (Port Security Services).

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CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTAL(S):

1. PSGP FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity
2. Information Memo to the Board of Harbor Commissioners
3. PSGP FY 2021 Award Letter/Package

FIS Approval: MB
CA Approval: SD



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