



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

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2019**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRANT UNDER FISCAL YEAR 2019 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, AWARD NO. EMW-2019-PU-00431**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners accept and enter into a Grant Award, EMW-2019-PU-00431, with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). If approved, the proposed Federal award will be in the amount of \$1,875,000 with an award date of September 1, 2019.

Items approved for grant reimbursement subsequent to expenditure by the Harbor Department are as follows: Security System Maintenance \$937,500, and Security System Expansion and Integration \$937,500. The award is for a three-year period ending August 31, 2022. A 25% cost share is required under this FY 2019 PSGP, which will be funded by the Harbor Department. The Harbor Department's total cost share for the projects is \$625,000, for a total cost of \$2,500,000 for both projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is 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-2019-PU-00431 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 2019 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-2019-PU-00431 for FY 2019 PSGP.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context: On April 12, 2019, FEMA announced the FY 2019 Notice of Funding Opportunity (Transmittal 1). The FY 2019 PSGP focused on strengthening governance integration; enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness; enhancing IED and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery capabilities; cybersecurity; maritime security risk mitigation projects that support port resilience and recovery capabilities; training and exercises; and Transportation Worker Identification Credential implementation.

On May 15, 2019, 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 2019 Port Security Grant Program.

On September 9, 2019, 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 Maintenance               | \$937,500          | \$312,500               | \$1,250,000        |
| Security System Expansion and Integration | \$937,500          | \$312,500               | \$1,250,000        |
| <b>Totals</b>                             | <b>\$1,875,000</b> | <b>\$625,000</b>        | <b>\$2,500,000</b> |

Security System Maintenance: The Security System Maintenance project supports multiple security systems implemented under previous rounds of the PSGP. This program continues to facilitate the ongoing maintenance and repair necessary to sustain the security system and ensure the continued effectiveness of the Port's security program. This project extends the useful life of the camera and access control systems for a fraction of the cost of full replacement.

Security System Expansion and Integration: The Security System Integration project will fund 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 to be supported under the program include, but are not limited to, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), access control, and the Waterside Surveillance System (WSS) network.

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The FY 2019 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 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:

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).

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).

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 acceptance and entering into a Grant Award with FEMA for security system maintenance, security system expansion and integration and dive and hazmat equipment, which is an administrative activity for the addition of safety and security devices. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is 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:**

Items covered under this Grant Award Agreement are to be partially reimbursed by DHS under FY 2019 PSGP through FEMA. The total grant award is \$1,875,000, for a three-year period ending August 31, 2022. A 25% cost share for these projects in the amount of \$625,000 is required under the FY 2019 PSGP and will be funded by the Harbor Department. Total costs and fiscal year spending associated with these projects is covered under the FY 2019 PSGP, inclusive of grant funds and the 25% Harbor Department cost share, which is summarized below:

| PROJECT                                   | FEDERAL AMOUNT     | 25% NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT (POLA COST SHARE) | TOTAL PROJECT COST |
|---|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Security System Maintenance               | \$937,500          | \$312,500                                | \$1,250,000        |
| Security System Expansion and Integration | \$937,500          | \$312,500                                | \$1,250,000        |
| <b>Totals</b>                             | <b>\$1,875,000</b> | <b>\$625,000</b>                         | <b>\$2,500,000</b> |

| PROJECT                                   | FY 2021          | FY 2022          | FY 2023          | TOTAL PROJECT COST |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Security System Maintenance               | \$416,667        | \$416,667        | \$416,666        | \$1,250,000        |
| Security System Expansion and Integration | \$416,667        | \$416,667        | \$416,666        | \$1,250,000        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>\$833,334</b> | <b>\$833,334</b> | <b>\$833,332</b> | <b>\$2,500,000</b> |

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

Grant recipients are mandated by the DHS to maintain all equipment and systems purchased through the PSGP. Failure to properly maintain equipment and systems may result in a denial of future grant requests.

Beyond installation, there are numerous ongoing costs associated with running and maintaining the Harbor Department's Waterside Security Surveillance system; therefore, the Security System Maintenance, as well as the Security System Expansion and Integration projects will have recurring costs not to exceed their total annual project amounts. Port Police will budget \$2,500,000 annually for future maintenance, integration, and system enhancement costs, subject to Board approval. Port Police will continue to request annual grant funding for the ongoing sustainability of these projects.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

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

**TRANSMITTAL(S):**

1. PSGP FY 2019 Notice of Funding Opportunity
2. Information Memo to the Board of Harbor Commissioners
3. PSGP FY 2019 Award Letter/Package

FIS Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
CA Approval: \_\_\_\_\_



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