



Executive Director's

Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: MAY 28, 2014

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) is proposing to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Los Angeles (City) for the purpose of receiving funds as reimbursement from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. UASI grants are provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fund the needs of large urban areas, associated with building a sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism.

In August 2013, DHS awarded the City grant monies in support of the FY13 UASI program. On November 22, 2013, City Council authorized the Mayor's Office to accept the UASI grant award. The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety, serving as fiduciary agent, will administer grant funds provided to the City.

The item approved for full grant reimbursement subsequent to expenditure by the Harbor Department is funding of the California Ports Tabletop Exercise in the amount of \$100,000. The award is for a two-year period ending May 31, 2015. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department to provide receipt of funds for reimbursement from the Fiscal Year 2013 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context - In August 2013, DHS awarded the City grant monies in support of the FY13 UASI program for a two-year period ending May 31, 2015. The Harbor Department item approved for expenditure is:

Item	Harbor Department Cost	Grant Reimbursement
Port-wide Training & Exercises	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total	\$100,000	\$100,000

The Harbor Department will use the grant to fund the California Ports Tabletop Exercise. The project consists of the execution of an exercise to include a cyber-intrusion/attack on California ports with the intention of disrupting West Coast maritime commerce. The exercise is designed to test and evaluate: Cyber intrusion identification; the incident command system; private sector coordination/collaboration; local, regional, state and federal agency coordination; business resumption; and other efforts as appropriate.

On November 22, 2013, City Council approved a motion authorizing the Mayor's Office to accept the UASI grant award for FY13, Council File No. 13-0882 (Transmittal 1). The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety will serve as the fiduciary agent and administer grant funds provided to the City. As the fiduciary agent to the DHS, the City is required to execute a MOA (Transmittal 2) with its stakeholders as an instrument for receiving reimbursement from UASI funds. Because the Harbor Department is considered an outside entity with its own revenue stream, separate from Council-controlled departments which receive their budget from the General Fund, a MOA will serve to document the transfer of funds.

The Harbor Department will be reimbursed for grant expenditures when the project is completed. The Harbor Department will submit to the Mayor's Office a reimbursement request package along with but not limited to copies of the invoices, proof of payment rendered, and other supporting documents.

The award is for the period of September 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015. Board approval of the MOA is necessary because the effective period of the MOA exceeds one year.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of an MOA with the City for reimbursement of UASI funds which will be used to fund the California Ports Tabletop Exercise. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

Approval of the proposed MOA will have no employment impact for the five-county region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The entire cost of the item covered under this MOA is to be reimbursed by DHS under the FY13 UASI Grant Program through the Mayor's Office upon requests for drawdown of funds. The Harbor Department will be responsible for budgeting and paying for the initial services and then requesting full reimbursement through the MOA. Because the Harbor Department is expected to be fully reimbursed for the item covered under the MOA, there will be no cost share requirement for the Harbor Department. There are no expected ongoing operating and maintenance costs associated with the item covered under the MOA.

Initial costs are expected to be expended during FY 2014/2015 by the Harbor Department. Funds are requested in Port Police Division's FY 2014/2015 budget pending approval in Account 54286, Center 0412, Program 640, in the amount of \$100,000.

CITY ATTORNEY:

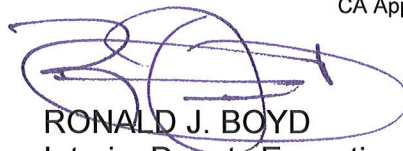
The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the MOA as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Council File No. 13-0882
2. Memorandum of Agreement




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FIS Approval:  (initials)
CA Approval: _____ (initials)

APPROVED: 

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