



**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. \_\_\_\_\_ - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN THE LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE REGION, SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval to accept and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office (Mayor's Office) for the purpose of reimbursement for the Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, Securing the Cities (STC) Program. This program is a part of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), overseen by its Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) designed to enhance the nation's ability to detect and prevent a radiological or nuclear attack in cities facing the highest risk.

The Mayor's Office has been awarded grant funds from the DNDO to oversee the cooperative efforts of program participants in developing and enhancing the LA/LB UASI region's nuclear and radiological detection and interdiction capabilities. The Mayor's Office is the Fiduciary Agent for the LA/LB region. The Mayor's Office requires program participants to execute an MOU for reimbursing each participant. The 10-year performance period is September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2030. The proposed action does not require funding by the Harbor Department.

**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 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 Memorandum of Understanding and any subsequent amendments increasing funds and extending the term for the Securing the Cities Program between the Mayor's Office and the Harbor Department;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to future amendments of this MOU for the Securing the Cities Grant on behalf of the Board; subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and

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4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context: Through the competitive grant process, the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety submitted an application to the DHS DNDO for the STC Program. The City of Los Angeles received notification from the DNDO of the application approval, and the grant was awarded. The grant requires an annual reapplication to the DNDO by the Mayor's Office to qualify and remain in the STC program.

The Mayor's Office was awarded a total of \$2,171,899 to support backfill, overtime, equipment, and management and administration for the STC training program. In order to develop regional detection capabilities, first responders must be trained on the use of nuclear and radiological detection equipment prior to being deployed in the field. The training team will train regional first responders in radiological/nuclear detection and provide follow-up/refresher courses as necessary. Trained personnel will also participate in drills and exercises to validate their knowledge and skills. STC participating agencies will be reimbursed for backfill and overtime costs incurred. The below grant awards are anticipated to be distributed to STC participating agencies for personnel costs (excluding equipment purchases), as follows:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Grant Award Amount</b>
Los Angeles Police Department	\$207,375
Los Angeles Fire Department	\$33,750
Los Angeles World Airports Police	\$37,500
Los Angeles Port Police	\$48,750
Los Angeles Sheriff's Department	\$140,625
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	\$56,625
Long Beach Police Department	\$30,000
Orange County Sheriff's Department	\$73,125
Riverside Police Department	\$18,750
Riverside Fire Department	\$18,750
Ontario Fire Department	\$18,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$684,000</b>

All Grant Funds allocated to the Harbor Department under this MOU and subsequent MOUs shall be disbursed for reimbursement of personnel expenses associated with the attendance and participation in training and/or exercises related to the STC Program.

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Any such reimbursement shall be strictly limited to backfill and overtime costs directly resulting from the designated representative's attendance and participation in training and/or exercises. The Harbor Department shall prepare, track, maintain, and submit to the Mayor's Office, copies of originally executed timesheets, timekeeping documents, and any other supporting documentation, to fully and accurately verify time expended by Port Police. All such expense documentation shall satisfy applicable Federal, State, and City audit and review standards and requirements. All expense documentation must be submitted to the Mayor's Office within sixty (60) days after attendance/participation at the applicable training and/or exercises in order to be eligible for reimbursement with grant funds.

The Mayor's Office will serve as fiduciary agent and the lead agency for all fiscal matters, as well as for the procurement of all equipment and services. The proposed MOU does not result in any financial obligation to the Harbor Department. The term of this MOU has a not-to-exceed date of August 31, 2030, and becomes effective upon execution of the participant. The Mayor's Office will execute the MOU subsequent to Board approval.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of a MOU with the Mayor's Office for reimbursement for the LA/LB UASI Region, STC Program, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has 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 MOU will enable the Harbor Department to be reimbursed for \$48,750 in costs related to the LA/LB Region, Securing the Cities Program. Reimbursements are anticipated to be periodically received through August 31, 2030 and will be recorded within Account 76080 (Federal Non-Operating Grants) upon receipt.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

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

**TRANSMITTAL(S):**

1. STC Reimbursement MOU

FIS Approval: MB  
CA Approval: SO

  
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