



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

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JUNE 9, 2020

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the City of Los Angeles (City), for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Harbor Department under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. If approved, the proposed federal award will be in the amount of \$3,465,113 with an award date of September 1, 2019.

Under the terms of the proposed MOA, the Harbor Department will be fully reimbursed for the \$3,465,113 in expenses expected to be incurred as part of the Land Mobile Radio Upgrade Project Phase III. The award is for a three year period ending May 31, 2022. There is no cost share required under this FY 2019 UASI Grant Program. The Harbor Department will be financially responsible for incurring expenses associated with the initial purchase of \$3,465,113 in equipment authorized under this MOA as well as estimated future costs of \$783,342 per year to operate and maintain after the initial three-year warranty expires in FY 2023. FY 2019 UASI funds will fully reimburse the Harbor Department's initial purchase of \$3,465,113 in equipment, but will not reimburse subsequent operating and maintenance costs.

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 Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the City of Los Angeles for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Harbor Department under the Fiscal Year 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative;
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 City; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____ accepting the Grant Award for UASI FY 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context: On October 1, 2018, the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office received notification of award for \$56,236,000 from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). On October 23, 2019, the Mayor's Office submitted to the Los Angeles City Council (C.F. 19-0695) a letter requesting submission of the UASI FY 19 Grant Program and requested \$3,465,113 be allocated to the Port Police Division on behalf of the Harbor Department. On March 18, 2020, the Council adopted the UASI FY 2019 grant. The Mayor's Office will act as a fiduciary agent, which has no cost share and is one hundred percent reimbursable.

The Harbor Department will use the grant funds to upgrade the existing Public Safety radio system. The project will support the same P25 Trunking Radio platform in use throughout the region. This phase of the project will bring a mission critical, state-of-the-art trunking system to the Port and will provide a communication platform that provides direct connection and interoperability with neighboring agencies throughout the County.

On February 15, 2019, the Harbor Department, through an Information Memo (Transmittal 3), advised the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Port Police would be applying for a project under the FY 2019 UASI Grant Program.

Request for changes, including but not limited to, extensions and change in scope, will be submitted to the Mayor's Office for approval. The UASI Grant 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 terms and conditions for this grant are the Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions 2018 and Cal OES Standard Assurances and are listed in full on the Award document (Transmittal 2 – Exhibits A & B). The Assurances 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).

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Harbor Department and the City of Los Angeles for the reimbursement of funds allocated to the Harbor Department under the FY 2019 UASI Grant 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 MOA will authorize the implementation of a project which will upgrade the existing Public Safety radio system. Additionally, if approved, the MOA will authorize acceptance of \$3,465,113 in UASI grant funds, which will reimburse the Harbor Department for equipment purchased as part of the upgrade. However, the grant funds will not reimburse estimated future operating and maintenance costs of \$783,342 per year after the initial three-year warranty expires in FY 2023, associated with the items covered under the MOA.

The Harbor Department will be responsible for budgeting and paying for the initial services, then requesting full reimbursement through the MOA. The Harbor Department will be solely responsible for payment of future operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed equipment purchases.

FY 2021 funding of \$3,465,113 for this MOA is available within Account 59994 (CIP Equipment Acquisition), Division 1179, Program 641, Work Order 2542100. Once requested under the MOA, reimbursements will be recorded within Account A77010 (Federal Capital Grant). Funding for future operating and maintenance costs will be requested as part of the annual budget process, subject to Board approval.

Item	Harbor Department Cost	Grant Reimbursement
Land Mobile Radio Upgrade Project Phase III	\$3,465,113	\$3,465,113
Total	\$3,465,113	\$3,465,113

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CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTAL(S):


1. UASI FY 2019 Council File 19-0695
2. UASI FY 2019 MOA
3. Information Memo to the Board of Harbor Commissioners

FIS Approval: 
CA Approval: 


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