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September 16, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT 2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Board approval is requested to find the proposed actions do not constitute a project or are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and accept the County of Los Angeles' (County) allocation of the 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI) funds to enhance the capacity of State and local agencies to respond to incidents of terrorism as well as natural disasters. The enhancements are provided through coordinated trainings, exercises, equipment acquisition, and technical assistance.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the County activities to be funded with the 2024 UASI funds from the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as distributed through the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area (LA/LBUA) do not constitute projects under CEQA or, in the alternative, are exempt from CEQA for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the proposed activities;
2. Accept \$17,063,087 in 2024 UASI Grant funds under Assistance Listing Number 97.067 from DHS as distributed through the LA/LBUA with a Performance Period of September 1, 2024 to May 31, 2027, and approve the allocation of such funds as set forth in the Attachment hereto;
3. Authorize the Internal Services Director, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and purchase of capital assets which are in excess of \$250,000 with two weeks advance notice to the Board of Supervisors (Board); and
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to approve and execute the

UASI subrecipient agreement with the City of Los Angeles and all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations as necessary.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

DHS has released UASI Grant funds to selected jurisdictions, including the LA/LBUA which is administered by the City of Los Angeles. The LA/LBUA, which includes the County, the Cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and thirteen other participating jurisdictions, received a 2024 UASI Grant award totaling \$49,119,978. The County's allocation of the 2024 UASI Grant award is \$17,063,087 and is detailed in the Attachment.

These UASI Grant funds are proposed for allocation to address the unique equipment, training, planning, and exercise needs of large urban areas associated with addressing threats or acts of terrorism.

Approval of the recommended actions will find the County activities proposed to be funded through the 2024 UASI Grant are not projects or, in the alternative, are exempt under CEQA; accept the Grant funds and approve the allocation thereof; authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the capital asset purchases in excess of \$250,000 with two weeks advance notice to the Board, and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the appropriate documents.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Plan North Star 2 – Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The UASI Grant is fully funded by DHS through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). There is no matching fund requirement or impact on net County cost.

The following County departments will receive funding for the proposed specific projects as detailed in the Attachment: Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Management (\$640,732), Fire (\$5,071,618), Health Services (\$500,000), Public Health (\$397,000), and Sheriff (\$10,453,737). The funding needed for Fiscal Year 2025-26 will be requested during the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Supplemental Budget Phase.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Cal OES has provided the County Operational Area with specific guidelines for the administration, management, and utilization of the UASI Grant. These guidelines detail all activities and expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed County activities to be funded as identified in the Attachment do not constitute projects pursuant to CEQA because they are excluded from the definition of a project by Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(2)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines on the basis that they are continuing administrative or organizational activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and/or include the creation of a government

funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities; which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. In the alternative, the proposed County activities to be funded are categorically exempt from CEQA since they are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301(a) and (d) and 15322(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c) and (r) and 22(a) and (c) of the County's Environmental Documentation and Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G which apply to building leases, and educational or training programs. The County activities to be funded will result in negligible or no expansion of use. In addition, based on the records of the proposed exempt activities, the exempt County activities will comply with all applicable regulations, are not located in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled, pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the activities may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

Each subrecipient is required to comply with CEQA, as applicable, to be reimbursed with grant funds. To the extent there are any changes proposed to the activities to be funded by the County retained funds, the proposed activities will be reviewed for any further findings which may be necessary under CEQA. Chief Executive Office staff will continue to assist the lead federal granting agency, as necessary, to complete its requirement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The UASI subrecipient agreement with the City will be entered into and administered by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority as approved by the Board. Prior to execution, the agreement will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The acquisition of capital asset equipment costing over \$250,000, as identified in the Attachment, is under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent and will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with County Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This UASI Grant provides funding to the County for planning, equipment, training, and program management and administration for emergency prevention, preparedness, and response personnel. The UASI Grant will have a positive impact on current services by improving and enhancing the County's ability to mitigate threats and incidents of terrorism.

CONCLUSION

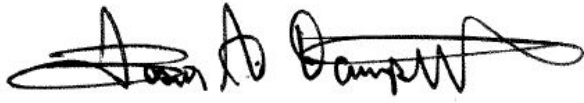
Upon execution by the Board, please send a copy of the adopted Board letter to the Chief Executive Office - Homeland Security Grants Administration for processing.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/16/2025

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fesia A. Davenport', with a stylized, flowing script.

FESIA A. DAVENPORT

Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Sheriff
Fire
Health Services
Public Health

**2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE
ALLOCATION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Chief Executive Office - Office of Emergency Management	LACo Operational Area - Crisis Information Management System (CIMS); Weather Radio Alert & Warning; 2028 LACo Operational Area Olympic Games Training Program	\$ 640,732
Fire	Joint Regional Intelligence (JRIC) Officers; Maritime Equipment; Maritime Training; Regional Training Group (RTG); Regional Training Centers Sustainment and Maintenance; Satellite Training Centers Sustainment and Maintenance; Catastrophic Planning Equipment; Hazardous Materials Equipment; Tactical (TEMS) Equipment; Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Equipment; Regional Task Force Equipment and Structural Collapse Prop; USAR apparatus; Community Emergency Response Team Equipment; Catastrophic Planning Personnel; Fire Ground Survival (FGS) Training; Unified Response to Violent Incidents (URVI) Training	\$ 5,071,618
Health Services	Space Lease for Equipment Storage	\$ 500,000
Public Health	MCM - SNS Distribution Readiness	\$ 397,000
Sheriff	Chainalysis Reactor Observations All Assets, 1 Concurrent License; Cobwebs Technologies Platform; Infrastructure Upgrade - HPE Qumulo Server; Cellebrite; SCSAP; Intelligence Analyst Equipment Replacement Project; Operations Center Event Tracking and Virtual Command Center Technology; Homicide Bureau's Electronic Capabilities Upgrade; Magnet Forensics - Axiom; Graykey; M.O.S. Equipment; EOB Technologies & Equipment; Intelligence Platform; Bomb Tech Field IED Mitigation; Bomb Suits (2); Portable Barrier - Anti-Pedestrian & Anti-Vehicle; CBRNE Detection Equipment; Canister CS/CN CBRNE APR; Wireless Transmission Device; Device, Data Service Access; EOC Security & Technologies Upgrade; Maritime Protective Equipment; SCUBA Equipment; Critical Infrastructure Protection Training; X-Ray Generators; Tactical Medical Equipment; Enhanced Active Shooter Strategies Training; High Angle Rescue Training; Emergency Management Training; Thermal Imaging/Light Amplification Optics; Purchase of 6 SiForce Forensic Computers; EOD Robot Maintenance and Update; Handheld Communications; Generators; Radio Communication; Ballistic Protection; Winter Weather Garments; Winter Rural Patient Care; Search and Rescue Equipment; Breaching Tool; Emergency Management Maintenance & Support; iPad Pro; Tactical Medical Patient Simulators for Continual Medical Training; Breaching Equipment; Ballistic Shields; Unmanned Aircraft System; Tactical Communication Device; Fusion Center - Information Technology, Equipment, Maintenance, and Software Subscriptions; Fusion Center - Analytical Database Platform; Fusion Center - Intelligence Analysts; Fusion Center - Training.	\$ 10,453,737

TOTAL \$ 17,063,087