



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: AUGUST 23, 2022
DEPARTMENT: SALINAS FIRE DEPARTMENT
FROM: SAMUEL KLEMEK, FIRE CHIEF
TITLE: FEDERAL URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI)
AWARD GRANT ACCEPTANCE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept the Urban Area Security Initiative grant award and execute all required agreements and related documents necessary to receive the funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept a grant award in the amount of \$162,000 dollars from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) to implement a project that would complete needed technology upgrades to the regional Mobile Command and Communications Vehicle (MCCV).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Salinas Fire Department has been selected to receive the Urban Area Security Initiative grant in the amount of \$162,000. The grant will allow Salinas Fire to complete needed technology upgrades to the regional Mobile Command and Communications Vehicle (MCCV) to enhance interoperable communications capabilities between the Monterey County Next Generation Emergency Network (NGEN) and the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System (BARICS). The addition of an unmanned aerial platform with a specialized camera system will enhance situational awareness, common operating picture, and intelligence gathering capabilities to benefit all disciplines across many jurisdictions. The unit will continue to be made available to any jurisdiction or agency under the master mutual-aid system.

BACKGROUND:

This project seeks to fund a “refresh” of several technologies that currently exist in the unit while adding additional capabilities. Adding a multi-camera unmanned aerial platform with infrared and high-definition video transmission, along with upgrades to the current hastily deployable network and camera system, would greatly expand situational awareness and intelligence gathering capabilities for multiple disciplines in a variety of scenarios. Updating the IT network with state-

of-the-art components and wireless technologies will help to simplify operations and maintenance of the unit while providing higher quality imagery and increased flexibility to share intelligence across disciplines, agencies, EOCs, and others. This project also replaces equipment that is at end-of-life and/or no longer supported by manufacturers.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed resolution will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Fire Department will work with the Legal Department through the execution of all required agreements and related documents, and with the Finance Department through the acceptance of funds and during the implementation of the project.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No matching City funds are required.

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