



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Adopt Resolution to:

- a. Approve and Authorize the Director of Emergency Management to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cities of Oakland, San Jose, and San Francisco and the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma that provides governance structures and procedures for application, allocation and distribution of federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) programs and reappoints a primary and alternate member to the UASI Approval Authority; and
- b. Appoint the County of Monterey Department of Emergency Management Director of Emergency Management as the primary representative to the UASI Approval Authority; and
- c. Appoint the County of Monterey Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy of Administrative Services as the secondary Approval Authority member.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution:

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- b. Appoint the County of Monterey Department of Emergency Management Director of Emergency Management as the primary representative to the UASI Approval Authority; and
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SUMMARY:

Approve and authorize a resolution for renewing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cities of Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco and the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma that provides governance structures and procedures for application, allocation and distribution of federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) projects, effective December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2025, unless sooner terminated. The resolution will serve to reappoint a primary and alternate member to the UASI Approval Authority. The Approval Authority is an eleven-voting member body and has final approval for all UASI grant allocation methodologies and regional planning initiatives. Failure to enter into this MOU could jeopardize future grant funding by the UASI for Monterey County Homeland Security projects and Regional

Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program funding and planning.

DISCUSSION:

The United States Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) manages the Homeland Security Grant Program, which includes the Urban Areas Security Initiative (“UASI”) Program. The UASI Program addresses the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercises needs of high threats, high density “Urban Areas” and assists those areas in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, a recover from threats and acts of terrorism. DHS requires each Urban Area receiving grant funds to establish an Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) to act as the executive steering committee and provide overall governance of the UASI Program across the regional area. The jurisdictions established the Bay Area UASI Approval Authority (“Approval Authority”) to serve as the UAWG. On July 14, 2011, the UASI Approval Authority agreed by unanimous vote, to enlarge the regional UASI “footprint” to include the Counties of Monterey and Sonoma and to expand the Approval Authority to an eleven voting-members regional body including the County of Monterey.

The County of Monterey Department of Emergency Management, Director, will be appointed as the primary representative to the UASI Approval Authority and the County of Monterey Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy of Administrative Services as the secondary Approval Authority member. This MOU takes effect on December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2025.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office has volunteered the Chief Deputy of Administrative Services to serve on the Approval Authority as the alternate to the Director of Emergency Management. Jurisdictional involvement includes membership on various working groups by local Fire Departments, Fire Districts, Police Departments, and NGOs as part of the regional planning for the UASI.

FINANCING:

Approval of this resolution will have no impact to the FY2023-24 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This item is in alignment with the Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives for Administration, Health and Human Services, Infrastructure, and Public Safety.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

Attachment: A Resolution

Attachment: B 2021 Bay Area UASI_Master MOU-County of Monterey (Signed)