

**CONFIRE**

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 27, 2025

FROM: Nathan Cooke, Interim Director

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: MOU between CONFIRE and Riverside UASI for 2023 Grant Funds

Recommendation

Approve MOU with Riverside UASI for grant award of \$10,000 for the 2023 period to be utilized for the regional CAD to CAD project.

Background Information

The Administrative Committee has authorized CONFIRE to submit an application for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds for the regional CAD to CAD project each year since 2018. Thus far, CONFIRE has received \$1.5 million in UASI funds for the CAD to CAD project. The 2023 application was approved by the Riverside UASI in the amount of \$10,000. These funds have been included in the Board approved FY 2025/26 budget in fund 5019, Special Revenue Fund.

In order to utilize these funds, CONFIRE must enter into an MOU with the City of Riverside which is the administrative agency for the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario area UASI. CONFIRE staff has worked closely with the Riverside UASI staff to complete all the elements of the MOU. The document has also been reviewed by CONFIRE legal counsel who endorsed the document as submitted.

The MOU binds CONFIRE to utilize the funds according to the application and within the strict guidelines of the UASI rules while maintaining all performance reporting requirements.

The intent of these funds is to assist CONFIRE, as the lead agency, in developing and implementing a regional CAD to CAD solution in San Bernardino as well as Riverside County. The first phase of the project has been completed using a combination of CONFIRE and UASI Grant funds.

The project is currently active with CONFIRE, Chino PD, San Manuel Public Safety, AMR San Bernardino, Riverside County Fire and Murrieta Fire sharing call information. Several other

agencies have current projects to bring them onto the system. A two-county task force is engaged in the project with several new public and private member agencies expected to be participating by the end of calendar year 2025.

FISCAL IMPACTS

There is no fiscal impact to CONFIRE. The UASI award does not require cost sharing or matching funds. UASI grant awards provide for reimbursement of actual and allowable cost incurred, subject to the Federal cost principles.