STAFF REPORT

May 11, 2022
File Number 0480-70

SUBJECT

FY2021 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT

Fire

RECOMMENDATION
Request the City Council to accept a FY 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative ("UASI") Grant Award in the amount of $31,000; request the City Council to accept a FY2020 UASI Grant Amendment in the amount of $57,140; authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City of Escondido ("City"); and approve the budget adjustment needed to spend grant funds (see Attachment "1").

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Fire Department: Rick Vogt)

Presenter: Art Holcomb, Fire Division Chief

FISCAL ANALYSIS

None.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 25, 2021, the City Council authorized the Escondido Police Department to accept $258,236 in funds from a FY2020 UASI Grant.

On March 2, 2022, City Council authorized the Fire Department to accept $85,230 in funds from the FY2020 Award Amendment.

BACKGROUND

The Escondido Fire Department received a FY 2021 UASI Grant in the amount of $31,000. UASI funds support regional efforts to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism or disaster. The Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) vetted and approved Escondido's proposed UASI projects.

The FY 21 UASI grant will fund tuition/registration costs for Escondido firefighters to attend the following training courses: Low Angle Rope-Rescue, Rescue Systems 1, Rescue Systems 2 and Rope Rescue Technician. This training will enhance the technical rescue skills and abilities of firefighters so they are prepared when emergency rescue is necessary.

The Escondido Fire Department received a FY 2020 UASI Grant Amendment in the amount of $57,140. These funds will be used to complete the Next Generation Regional Communications Interoperability Project (NGRCIP) that will fully connect Escondido Fire's Computer Aided Dispatch ("CAD") system to the other Fire CADs in the County.

The intent of the NGRCIP or "CAD2CAD" is to enhance fire and emergency services to achieve improved interoperability through the real time sharing of resource status, locations, requests for service (mutual or automatic aid) and other mission critical information. A regional next-generation CAD-to-CAD solution will promote further efficiency among the member agencies and continue to provide improved customer service to the communities they serve by increasing situational awareness and decreasing processing, reflex and response times. The CAD-to-CAD Project will enhance critical regional emergency communication.

In an effort to maintain consistency and interoperability between the current equipment and CAD software service, and in accordance with the City of Escondido Municipal Code Sec. 10-102(b), the procurement for this project will be from a single source.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment "1" – Budget Adjustment