To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors

From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Date: December 6, 2016

Subject: FY 2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants Program in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the purchase of a towable emergency power generator and two stakeside Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)/Hazardous Materials support vehicles.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) could receive up to \$250,000 in federal funds if both grants are awarded. There is no local agency cost sharing requirement. The grant award(s) may be lower than the amount requested and will be for a period of one year from the effective date of award(s).

## **BACKGROUND:**

The UASI Program assists high-threat, high-density urban areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

APPROVE	OTHER
RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR	RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
Action of Board On: 12/06/2016 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER	
Clerks Notes:	
VOTE OF SUPERVISORS	
AYE: John Gioia, Director Candace Andersen, Director Mary N. Piepho, Director Karen Mitchoff, Director Federal D. Glover, Director	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown. ATTESTED: December 6, 2016 David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Contact: Lewis Broschard, Deputy Fire Chief (925) 941-3501	By: June McHuen, Deputy



The UASI program is intended to provide financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline

# BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas and to assist these areas in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism using a "Whole Community" approach. Activities implemented with UASI funds must support terrorism preparedness by building or enhancing capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, mitigation of, response to or recovery from terrorism in order to be considered eligible. However, many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate the dual-use quality for any activities implemented that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness. Urban areas must use UASI funds to employ regional approaches to overall preparedness and are encouraged to adopt regional response structures whenever appropriate. UASI program implementation and governance must include regional partners and should have balanced representation among entities with operational responsibilities for prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities within the region.

The District is seeking approval to apply for two projects (grants) as part of the fiscal year (FY) 2016 UASI grant program. The first grant would provide funds to purchase a towable 150 kilowatt emergency power generator. The total grant application would be \$96,500.

The second grant would fund the purchase of two (2) Ford F-450 flatbed stakeside vehicles for USAR and Hazardous Materials support. These vehicles are capable of towing heavy trailers as well as carrying large amounts of equipment and supplies to support emergency operations at long duration major incidents. The cost of each vehicle, including sales tax, is approximately \$72,000. The total grant application would be \$145,000.

# CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County is home to major industry, railroads, local and state roadways, and dense population and commercial centers. It is imperative that the District has logistical support equipment available at all times to provide emergency response and support in the event of a terrorist incident or natural disaster where supply chains or normal utilities are out of service. Failure to approve this grant request would cause the District to forego the purchase of the much needed logistical and support equipment.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.