



**Contra
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County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District
 Date: November 5, 2019

Subject: FY 20 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant - Search and Rescue Listening Device

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 \$38,000 for the purchase of search and rescue listening devices.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) could receive up to \$38,000 in federal funds if awarded. There is no local agency cost sharing requirement. The grant award may be lower than the amount requested.

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

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/05/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
 Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
 Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
 Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
 Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

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: November 5, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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recover from acts of terrorism. The UASI program is intended to provide financial assistance

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to address the unique multi-discipline 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 the UASI grant to purchase search and rescue listening devices to be used during collapse rescue operations to assist with finding entombed living victims that cannot be seen with search cameras. These devices will be placed on the current rescue apparatus that we have to achieve a higher typing with the state Office of Emergency Services (OES). These tools will help us to qualify for Type 1 heavy rescue qualification.