

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Amend the Annual Salary Ordinance - United States Homeland Security - Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant - \$1,060,924]

Ordinance retroactively authorizing the Department of Emergency Management, as fiscal agent for the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative, to accept and expend an increase in Fiscal Year 2021 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant funds in the amount of \$60,924 for a total amount of \$1,060,924 from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023; and amending Ordinance No. 096-21 (Annual Salary Ordinance, File No. 210642 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023) to provide for the addition of one (1) grant-funded position, in Class 0932 Manager IV.

Background Information

The purpose of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention program is to provide funding to implement local prevention frameworks and explore innovative approaches to preventing targeted violence and terrorism. It uses four priorities: preventing domestic violent extremism; enhancing local threat assessment and management capabilities; implementing innovative solutions for preventing targeted violence and terrorism; and challenging online violence mobilization narratives.

The UASI Approval Authority, the region's governing body, is responsible for decisions regarding application, allocation, and distribution of homeland security grant funds. Under an agreement with the Bay Area UASI jurisdictions, and at the direction of the Approval Authority, San Francisco is the primary grantee and fiscal agent for purposes of receiving and distributing TVTP funds. The City and County of San Francisco, as fiscal agent and representative of the Bay Area UASI, applied for and receive a total grant award of \$1,060,924.

TVTP grant funds from this award will be used to fund: (1) a contractor to develop Cross-Sector Threat Assessment Training and a Best Practices Template to enhance capabilities to recognize and prevent terrorism and targeted violence through customized, sector, and/or target specific training and toolkits; (2) a contractor to create **Mitigation of Terrorist Use of the Internet and On-line Platforms Training** to increase awareness of how terrorists use the internet and online platforms and provide mitigation strategies for the technology, law enforcement, academic and whole community partners; (3) a contractor to develop and conduct **Media Literacy Training** to increase media literacy and on-line critical thinking skills in the Bay Area to provide in person and online awareness level training on media literacy and online critical thinking; and (4) a contractor to work with schools to develop a program for **Mental Health**

Awareness Student Film Creation and Contest to build youth resilience and mental health promotion skills by empowering high school students to create short films to focus on mental health awareness and compete in a contest; (5) Management and Administration, (6) Indirect Costs, and (7) one (1) Class 0932 Manager IV position within DEM, for the period of March –June 2022.

The grant period is from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023. Because the grant performance period began prior to the grant award, the word “retroactive” has been included in the legislative language.

Proposed Ordinance

The proposed ordinance authorizes the DEM, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, as the fiscal agent for the UASI Approval Authority, to retroactively accept and expend TVTP grant funds in the amount of \$1,060,924 from the DHS. Further, the proposed ordinance authorizes the DEM Executive Director to take any additional steps necessary to accept, distribute and expend the grant funds.

Pursuant to Administrative Code §10.170-1(b), the ordinance also amends the Annual Salary Ordinance, FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-2023, to reflect the addition of one (1) grant-funded position at the DEM, by adding one (1) Class 0932 Manager IV.