

FILE NO. 150030

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Accept and Expend Grant - FY2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative Program
Grant Increase: Budget Revision - \$22,742,000]

Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of Emergency Management, on behalf of the City and County San Francisco, as the fiscal agent for the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Insurance (UASI) Program, to accept and expend an increase to FY2014 UASI grant funds in the amount of \$122,688 for a total of \$22,742,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the California Office of Emergency Services for the period of September 1, 2014, through May 31, 2016.

Background Information

The United States Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), through its Urban Areas Security Initiative (“UASI”) Grant Program, provides funding for the planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and assists those areas in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats and acts of terrorism.

The combined Urban Areas of the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, and the City of San Jose form the Bay Area Urban Area. The Bay Area Urban Area includes the twelve contiguous Bay Area counties and governmental entities within those counties.

The City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, the City of San Jose, and the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) regarding the Bay Area Urban Area’s mission, governance and reporting structures, responsibilities, and financial arrangements, as well as processes and mechanisms to use in applying for, allocating and distributing UASI grant funds through the Bay Area Urban Area. Under the MOU, the UASI Approval Authority determines the allocation and distribution of UASI grant funds. San Francisco serves as the primary grantee of UASI funds for the Bay Area Urban Area and as the fiscal agent for the Approval Authority. San Francisco disburses UASI funds pursuant to the Approval Authority’s direction.

Based on the FY 13 UASI grant award, the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) included \$22,619,312 in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance (AAO). However, for Fiscal Year 2014, the Bay Area Urban Area was awarded \$22,742,000, an increase of \$122,688 from the 2013 award. This resolution requests approval for the addition of these funds. The term of the grant is from September 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016. The grant funds will be distributed throughout the region for planning, equipment, training, exercise, and organizational initiatives determined by the Approval Authority.

Proposed Resolution

The proposed resolution authorizes the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco as the primary grantee of UASI funds for the Bay Area Urban Area and as the fiscal agent for the UASI Approval Authority, to accept and expend an additional \$122,688 in UASI grant funds for Fiscal Year 2014 from the United States Department of Homeland Security, through the California Office of Emergency Services. The proposed resolution also authorizes DEM's Executive Director, or designee, to take any steps necessary to accept, distribute and expend the grant funds.