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TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Kerry Whitney for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer Emergency Services
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SUBJECT:	Resolution Approving FY2020 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and Emergency Services Officer request the following actions regarding Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) 2020 grant funding:

1. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the City and County of San Francisco, as the distribution agent for UASI grant funds, for a maximum of $42,000 for the term of November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, to purchase and maintain a satellite phone to provide the Operational Area and the North Bay hub with redundant, mobile, on-demand streaming rates; and
2. Adopt a resolution under the 2020 Urban Area Security Initiative authorizing the County Executive Officer and the Deputy County Executive Officer to take the action necessary to accept and administer this grant and to sign associated modifications and reimbursement forms.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City and County of San Francisco (San Francisco) as the fiscal agency for the San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) group, invited UASI group members to submit sub-grant proposals. To enhance Napa County Operational Area's ability to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from terrorist activity, the Napa members identified the need to purchase satellite phones to enhance communications during emergencies. The Napa Operational Area consists of the County and all of its cities. To this end, Napa County initially applied for and after review of its submission, was notified by San Francisco that the County's proposal to purchase and maintain a Cobham Explorer 710 BGAN was approved.

Execution of the sub-grant agreement is necessary to secure $42,000 in 2020 UASI funds.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	FY2020 UASI Grant Funds will reimburse the grant budget a maximum of $42,000.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Purchase of satellite phones will strengthen communications capabilities of the County. Alternate forms of communication (cell, wifi, radio) are vulnerable to failure during emergencies, so the purchase of an additional satellite phone will support the county's ability to communicate with first responders during disasters that have impacted telecommunications networks.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	N/A
Consequences if not approved:	Reliance on telecommunications networks vulnerable to failure during emergencies, inhibits the County's ability to establish reliable communication with first responders.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

UASI is a program under the Homeland Security Grant Program to enhance regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. The UASI program directly supports expanding regional collaboration and is meant to assist participants in their creation of regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery. The San Francisco Bay Area has been designated as one of the ten high-risk areas (Tier 1) in the United States. As a surrounding county, Napa County is included as a Bay Area UASI regional partner and is eligible to receive funds under this program. The City and County of San Francisco is the grantee for these funds and is responsible for executing subgrant agreements for the distribution of the funds to jurisdictions within the Region that apply by submitting project requests.

Napa County applied for and received approval to use grant funds in the amount of $42,000 to purchase and maintain a Cobham Explorer 710 BGAN to provide the Operational Area and the North Bay hub with a satellite phone terminal with redundant, mobile, on-demand streaming rates of 650kbps. Previous critical incident and exercise After Action Reports consistently highlighted the need to strengthen the County’s emergency management communications capabilities.

The grant terms require the County to pay for and complete procurement prior to receiving reimbursement from the UASI grant funds.

Staff requests approval of and authorization for Chair to sign the agreements and authorization for the County Executive Officer or Deputy County Executive Officer to execute reimbursement claim forms and any subsequent documentation that may be required following approval of the UASI agreement.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi