



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: SAFD

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles N. Hood

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT: 2016 Complex Terrorism Attack Grant

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the City of San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM) to apply for, accept, and appropriate, upon award, up to \$2,500,000.00 from the 2016 Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) grant. This ordinance also authorizes a total personnel complement of 4 positions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2016 grant program to prepare communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) provides funding to local jurisdictions to improve their ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks in collaboration with the whole community. 25-30 projects capped at \$2.5M will be awarded totaling \$35,940,000 with a performance period of three years. Grant funds can only be used for personnel cost, planning, or training activities. Large equipment and vehicle purchases are not allowable. Application deadline is February 10, 2107.

In June 2016, DHS released information of the pending CCTA grant applications and that communities interested in applying should begin preparing. The San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM) coordinated numerous meetings with SAPD and SAFD leadership to discuss potential project goals and objectives. In addition, SAOEM also coordinated with regional, state, and federal partners such as the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Regional Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC), the Alamo Area Police Chief's Association (AAPCA), the Alamo Area Fire Chief's Association (AAFCA), the Office of the Governor, and FEMA Region VI. During these coordination meetings, SAOEM developed a proposed

budget and plan for applying for and implementing this grant program. The goal is to develop an approved Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Plan and conduct a full-scale exercise in early 2018 to test this plan.

ISSUE:

SAOEM must submit a 2016 CCTA grant application before February 10, 2017 to be eligible for this grant program. This is a unique opportunity to build a regional CCTA plan to better prepare our community against a possible terrorist attack.

ALTERNATIVES:

Non-acceptance of these grant funds would limit the City’s ability to effectively develop a regional CCTA plan or conduct a full-scale exercise to test the plan. The alternative is to continue to work with regional, state, and federal partners to better prepare our community against a possible terrorist attack.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes SAOEM to apply for, accept, and appropriate, upon award, funds up to \$2,500,000 from the CCTA grant program and to authorize a total personnel complement of 4 positions. These 4 positions will only be funded if sufficient grant funds to sustain employment is awarded.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to apply for and accept grant funds from the 2016 CCTA grant program, appropriate funds upon award, and authorizing the Director of Emergency Management, Mayor, or designee, or the City Emergency Manager to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate 2016 CCTA grant. Staff also recommends approval of the personnel complement of 4 positions.

ATTACHMENT(S):

File Description	File Name
Personnel Description	2016 CCTA Staffing

DEPARTMENT HEAD AUTHORIZATIONS:

Noel Horan, Assistant to the Director, SAFD