

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

July 1, 2002

THROUGH: Public Safety Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to Apply for Grant Funding and Approval of Homeland Security Grant Equipment Priorities

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended to the City Council:

1. Approve the Homeland Security Grant priorities.
2. Authorize staff to apply for funding when the grant becomes available.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of September 11, two staff committees were created to develop plans for the city to respond to terrorist threats. The Response team is composed of the City Manager, Finance, Police, Fire, Water and Power, Health, Public Information and Public Works Department Directors. This Response Team is charged with overseeing the city's preparation for any potential terrorist acts and providing counsel to the City Manager. Reporting to the Response Team is the Operations Team, which is lead by the Fire Chief. This team is composed of operations personnel from all the departments mentioned above including Huntington Hospital. The Operations Team prepared a counter-terrorism report and a draft Terrorism Response Plan, which will be added to the city's emergency response plan. Through these efforts it was identified that the city does not have all the equipment needed to respond to a terrorist act. In addition, resources to acquire this equipment are scarce.

Congress is expected to react favorably to the Fiscal Year 2002 emergency supplemental budget request that the president submitted in early March. This action, which adds more funds for the current fiscal year, would provide \$27.1 billion for the War on Terrorism, homeland security, and economic recovery. The Bush Administration specified that \$327 million of the total requested amount will be allocated to FEMA for grants to state and local governments to train and equip personnel of the fire and emergency medical services.

Supporting first responders is a key provision of the president's Fiscal Year 2003 budget submission. Claiming that first responders represent America's first line of defense, President Bush proposed spending \$3.5 billion in grants to state and local governments in support of emergency first responders. So far, budget resolutions in the House and Senate track closely

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with the \$3.5 billion request. The appropriations process, just getting started, sets the actual funding levels and the completion date of that process is uncertain. While some have speculated that Congress may complete the funding package by September 30th, federal staffers have recently suggested that it will likely be closer to the end of the calendar year. The homeland security effort is increasing, as evidenced by the recent Homeland Security Act that seeks to establish the Department of Homeland Security. This initiative further establishes FEMA as playing a major role, in that it is the only agency going into the new department intact while others will have certain functions reassigned there.

Consequently, based on the findings of the Operations Team and the potential availability of resources from the Federal and State Government, a list of equipment needs was recommended by the Team and departments proposed additional items. The items are in priority order by category. They are grouped in the general categories of: Response Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, and Pre-incident Site preparation and Security (all costs are projected approximations). Section I is of the highest priority, followed by section II and III. While all of the equipment is important to a comprehensive program, principal priority was established by the need to protect responding personnel and enable them to protect others and accomplish their missions related to the incident.

I. Response and Mitigation Equipment

A. Mass Casualty Equipment Trailer	\$ 30,000	Fire
B. Heavy Duty Truck to tow Mass Casualty Trailer	\$ 61,000	Fire
C. Portable Radios and Base Station	\$ 54,000	Fire
D. Mobile Field Office/Communications & Command Ctr	\$240,000	Fire
E. Community Storage Containers for Strategic Field Locs	\$ 40,000	Fire
F. Decontamination and Testing Equipment	\$ 45,000	Fire
G. Bomb Technician (FTE) and related equipment	\$250,000	Police
H. Bomb Dog Handler/dog and equipment	\$150,000	Police
I. Digital radios for all personnel	\$300,000	Police
J. Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 30,000	Police
K. High Resolution Microscope/Medication/Cabinets	11,069	Health
L. Polymerase Chain Reaction (Lab Equip, gloves and gowns)	\$ 40,800	Health

II. Personal Protective Equipment

(Items in category II are essentially companion to I-A & B, these may be placed at a lower priority because there are presently some on hand; additional will allow for the protection of more personnel.)

A. First Responder Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	\$64,000	Fire
B. Respirators and Cartridges	\$23,000	Fire
C. SCBA Communications Equipment	\$34,000	Fire
D. Level A Protective Clothing and Equipment	\$36,000	PW
E. Level B Protective Clothing and Equipment	\$33,200	Fire
F. First Responder Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	\$12,500	Health

G. Radios & Flashlights/Laptop/Respirators	\$ 11,200	Health
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III. Pre-Incident Site Preparation and Security

A. Building Retrofit (hardening and seismic upgrade of Public Works Building for use as EOC)	\$648,500	PW
B. Monitoring Cameras for selected City facilities.	\$5,000 p/site	PW*
C. Security Gates for Fire Stations	\$10,000 p/site	Fire*
D. Expansion of security camera system @ Rose Bowl	\$100,000	Police
E. Helicopter expansion to serve as regional center	\$500,000	Police
F. Regional Crime Analysis System	\$250,000	Police
G. Two Helicopter pilots for regional patrol	\$200,000	Police
H. Helicopter video downlink	\$ 50,000	Police
I. Water quality monitoring microtox system (responds to any changes in water toxicity in less than 15 minutes)	\$ 21,000	W&P
J. Emergency Generators 300 K portable diesel generators (2)	\$150,000	W&P
K. Close Circuit Monitoring of Ten Critical Facilities	\$ 84,000	W&P
L. Intrusion Alarm Systems at Eight Facilities	\$275,000	W&P
M. Intrusion Alarm System Upgrade for Central Library	\$100,000	Inf Svc
N. Fire Protection and Detection System (replacement)	\$175,000	Inf Svc
O. Mailroom Surveillance/Video Monitoring System And Mail Scanner/Verification System	\$ 20,000	Clerk
P. Training for EOC staff	\$ 50,000	Fire

*Number of sites is not yet determined.

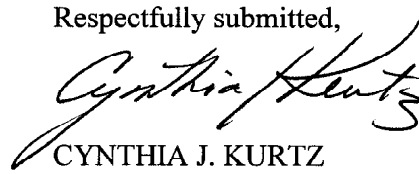
The final federal and state programs and guidelines have not been completed. It is possible that priorities will need to be modified based upon the final guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Homeland Defense grants will result in cost avoidance by funding the recently recognized need for local government to provide the first line of defense from terrorism. It is unknown what the funding distribution will actually be, given the number of jurisdictions, and the debate regarding the funds being distributed by the states. Further, there may be matching fund requirements and/or restrictions.

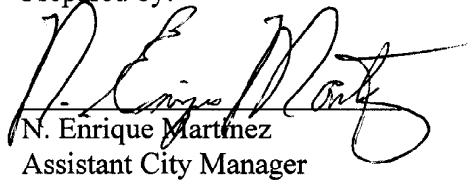
There is an expectation that this will be a multi-year process. The FEMA Director recently stated that he expects the \$3.5 billion to serve as an installment payment toward increasing the level of local security and that future years will bring additional funds. Ultimately the final program will likely offset the majority of local costs for homeland defense – to what extent is presently unknown.

Respectfully submitted,



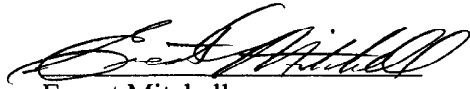

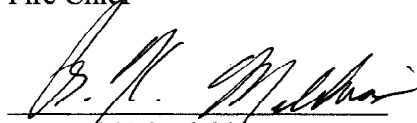

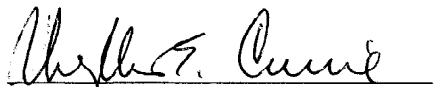
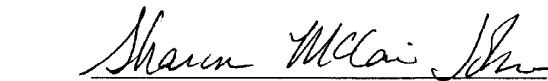
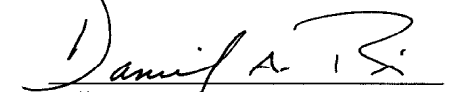
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