

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 07/21/08		Item Number: <u>C-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Acceptance of \$151,983 in Grant Funds from the 2006 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) for Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).			
Contact Person: David White, Battalion Chief		Phone Number: (310) 253-6805	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (07/17/08)			
Department Approval: Jeff Eastman (07/17/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (07/17/08)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (07/17/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (07/17/08)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council (1) authorize the acceptance of \$151,983 in grant funds awarded by the 2006 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), and (2) approve the purchase of SCBA from the vendor selected by the Southern California Area Personal Protective Equipment Consortium (SCAPPEC) . <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) is a crucial component of the Fire Department's protective equipment ensemble. SCBA provide a high level of respiratory protection during structure fires and hazardous materials incidents. The Fire Department's current SCBA inventory was purchased in 2001. The useful service life of this equipment is 10 years. Additionally, the current inventory does not meet certain national standards implemented by the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) after September 11, 2001. There is a need to replace the Fire Department's SCBA inventory, and to this end the Fire Department has been aggressively seeking grant funding to secure the new equipment. In early 2007 the City of Culver City was awarded grant funding to purchase 18 SCBA units (see attachment). The grant was from the United States Department of Homeland Security via the 2006 Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) and Culver City was one of 14 agencies awarded grant funding for SCBAs.			
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The SCBA component of the 2006 UASI grant was the result of a collaborative effort by the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association. The Fire Chiefs established a grant project to standardize all SCBAs within the County as part of a push for regional interoperability. The goal is to have all the fire departments in Los Angeles County using the same brand and model of SCBA. When completed, this project will promote efficiency at large scale incidents involving multiple fire departments.

SCAPPEC was established and tasked with developing specifications and soliciting bids from the various SCBA vendors. The mission of SCAPPEC was to “purchase the best product at the lowest possible cost”. SCAPPEC has completed the review/testing of the various SCBA brands and a vendor was selected in June 2008.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department is moving forward to purchase the 18 SCBA units awarded in the 2006 UASI grant and previously approved by the City Council (see attachment). However, the 18 units represent only 30% of our total SCBA inventory. This week the Fire Department was able to secure additional funding from the 2006 UASI grant to purchase up to 27 more SCBA units. This offer is time sensitive and requires that we place an order with the vendor by July 28, 2008.

Staff respectfully requests that the City Council, in addition to authorizing the acceptance of grant funds to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), approve the purchase of SCBA from the vendor selected by the Southern California Area Personal Protective Equipment Consortium (SCAPPEC).

2006 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Award

Award Items	Total Cost
Purchase 27 Self Contained breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	\$151,983
Existing Purchase Authorized by the City Council on August 21, 2007 (18 Apparatus)	\$101,322
TOTAL REVISED PURCHASE PRICE:	\$253,305

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no requirement for matching funds. The grant provides for all costs in acquiring the approved equipment, including the cost of tax and shipping. It will be

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necessary to acquire the equipment utilizing General Fund appropriated reserves until reimbursement is received by the 2006 Urban Area Security Initiative later in fiscal year 2008/2009.

Because appropriated reserve is being used, a budget amendment at this time is not required. However, upon receipt of the grant funds, staff will return with a separate item (or include this item as part of mid-year budget adjustments) upon receipt of the grant funds which will appropriate the grant funds and reimburse the appropriated reserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City Council Agenda Item Report, 8/21/07

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Acceptance of \$151,983 in Grant Funds for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Awarded by the 2006 Urban Area Security Initiative; and
2. Approve the Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) from the Vendor Selected by the Southern California Area Personal Protective Equipment Consortium (SCAPPEC).