



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to Accept and Appropriate Forty-Nine Thousand and 00/00 Dollars (\$49,000) in Grant Funds Awarded to Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2017 Hampton Roads Urban Area Security Initiative (HRUASI) CFDA 97.067 Grant Program

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Urban Area Security Initiative Program is to make grants to states to assist state and local governments in support of the implementation of the Urban Area Strategies to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. The Peninsula Towed Side Scan Sonar Project will purchase and train Fire & Rescue and Law Enforcement Marine Emergency Response Team personnel to utilize a boat-towed side scan sonar device to scan critical transportation infrastructure for Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) during times of elevated national threat levels or for post disaster search and recovery. The equipment/system includes a towed sonar device, ruggedized laptop unit with required software, winch and support cable system, system training and manufacturer's warranty.

Discussion:

Newport News Fire Department has the only other side scan sonar device on the Peninsula. The City of Hampton and its citizens reside on the bay/harbor; this device will support waterborne search and recovery missions conducted by regional Law Enforcement and Fire & Rescue Divisions. It will provide high quality imagery in supporting improvised explosive device detection, search and rescue, post disaster recovery, and port resiliency mission support covered under the regional Marine Incident Response Team (MIRT) response agreement by local public safety agencies. The device will provide a measure of safety for Hampton's citizens and visitors.

There is no financial match; the grant covers 100% of the cost of the device.

Impact:

The City of Hampton, Virginia and many of its citizens reside in communities beside the bay & harbor. This device will help the City of Hampton Public Safety Department protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

Recommendation:

Approve and appropriate the 2017 HRUASI grant funds.

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has awarded Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue a 2017 HRUASI Grant in the amount of \$49,000;

WHEREAS, the grant does not require the City of Hampton to commit matching funds;

WHEREAS, the grant period of performance is September 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant is to purchase one Towed Side Scan Sonar Device for the Marine Emergency Response Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia amends the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to accept and appropriate the FEMA grant funds to the Grant Fund for use by the Division of Fire & Rescue in the amount of \$49,000 and any supplemental funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary actions to implement this grant award.