

## Legislation Text

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### 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Acceptance

#### **Action:**

**Authorize the Charlotte Area Homeland Security Director (Charlotte Fire Chief) to accept a grant for \$2,000,000 from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

Reginald Johnson, Fire  
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#### **Explanation**

- The 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program allowed eligible applicants to apply for funding to aid in the prevention, protection, response, and recovery from terrorist attacks.
- The City has been a recipient of funding from this program since 2004, and has once again been awarded the grant.
- The total amount of the grant awarded to the Charlotte UASI was \$2,500,000.
- The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management is eligible to retain up to 20 percent of the funds under the program guidelines. As such, the Division has elected to retain the full \$500,000 for the management and administration of the grant program and provide continued support to the North Carolina Voice Interoperability Plan for the Emergency Responder radio system.
- The City has been awarded the remaining \$2,000,000.
- The focus of these funds will be on terrorism preparedness activities, such as equipment acquisition, planning, training courses, and drills. Equipment specifics include:
  - Equipment to supplement existing Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue (SAR) and Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) capabilities, including replacement of HAZMAT monitoring equipment,
  - Equipment to continue the expansion of the regional radio system,
  - Replacement of obsolete technology within the Emergency Operations Center (EOC),
  - HAZMAT and Urban Search/Rescue training, and
  - Cybersecurity threat planning and technology.
- In developing a regional approach, as mandated by the grant guidelines, the following 10 counties were included as part of a regional implementation concept: Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Lancaster, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Union, and York.
- There are no City matching funds required for this grant.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant

#### **Attachment(s)**

Memorandum of Agreement