

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AND EXECUTION OF THE SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, TEXAS HOMELAND SECURITY - STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, FOR GRANTS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$100,000.00 AND \$146,084.73; DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite, Texas (the “City”), was awarded funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amounts of \$100,000.00 and \$146,084.73; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City will return the funds to the Office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the Grants are divided into the following four projects:

(1) Training for Bomb Squad Personnel (Grant No. 4851401) to strengthen the City’s capability to detect, confirm, analyze, and assess chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents. This project will allow the Mesquite Bomb Squad to identify unknown chemical substances and accurately assess evacuation distance criteria, whether it is an accident or act of terrorism. By identifying the unknown substance, the Bomb Squad will be able to accurately assess evacuation distance criteria along with render safe options. This project will also give the on-scene bomb technicians vital information on large scale evacuations vs shelter in place options.

(2) Purchase of Chemical Detector Device (Grant No. 4851401) for assessment of unknown explosive and chemical substances (NIMS Resource ID 6-508-1176). By receiving this grant, the Mesquite Bomb Squad will be able to assist not only our jurisdiction, but any other jurisdiction that finds themselves in need of this capability. Currently, the Mesquite Bomb Squad does not have any capabilities to assess unknown chemical hazards or explosive compounds.

(3) EOD Robot Replacement (UASI Grant No. 4895801). This project will aid in the response, detection, and render safe operations of EOD/IED incidents in our response area in accordance with THIRA (page 23) Interdiction and Disruption. Allowing MFD Bomb Squad to maintain Type 1 designation, it will also target our response to active shooter, acts of terrorism, IED, and any surveillance issues in small, contained areas. Backpacks, shipping containers, and other small, tight spaces are becoming more common in our response area. Our response area contains over 200 educational campuses and 2 large intermodal rail facilities. This project is funded at \$146,084.73.

(4) Develop capabilities to prevent, detect, and respond to improvised explosive device (IED) terrorist attacks (Grant No. 4851401). Currently, there is no safe and/or accurate way to identify unknown chemical hazards or explosive compounds. This forces the bomb squad to make critical decisions without understanding the full scope of information on-scene. This also makes the prosecution of the those responsible for manufacturing the explosive substance difficult in a

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court of law. Receiving these grants enable the Mesquite Bomb Squad to remedy some of the gaps in the state preparedness report. The gaps remedied are screening, search, and detection.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, has requested that the City's resolution identify designated official(s) authorized by the City Council to apply for, accept, reject, amend, or terminate the grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby authorizes acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeland Security Grant Program from the Office of the Governor, Texas Homeland Security - State Administrative Agency, in the amounts of \$100,000.00 and \$146,084.73.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby designates the City Manager as the official representative of the City in connection with the Grants and authorizes the City Manager to take all actions and execute all documents with the State of Texas Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 3. The following individuals are authorized to perform the following with respect to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeland Security Grant Program:

(A) Emergency Management Coordinator is the "Authorized Official" to apply for, accept, reject, amend, and terminate the grant in accordance with City policies, and receive all grant correspondence from the State Administrative Agency including quarterly reports, project updates, information bulletins, and other administrative paperwork.

(B) Emergency Management Specialist is the "Project Director" for the grant and responsible for all day-to-day grant operations. The Project Director is responsible for all programmatic reporting, grant maintenance, and ensuring purchasing procedures align with audit compliance.

(C) Director of Finance is the "Financial Officer" for the grant and responsible for maintenance of all financial records related to the grant funding. The Financial Officer is responsible for requesting funds and completion of required quarterly financial reporting in the grant management system.

(D) Grants Administrator is the "Grant Writer" and authorized to view the grant information. The Grant Administrator is also responsible for requesting funds and completion of required quarterly financial reporting in the grant management system.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of October 2023.

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